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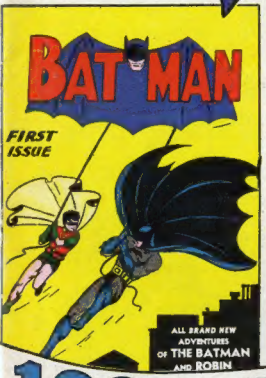

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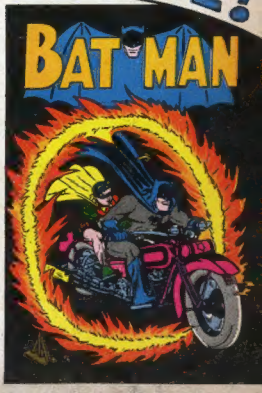

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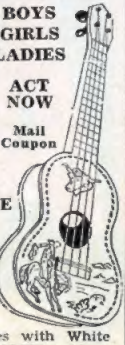

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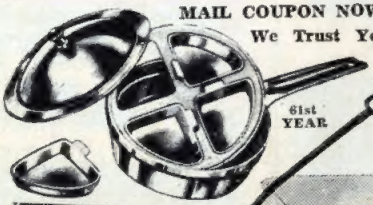

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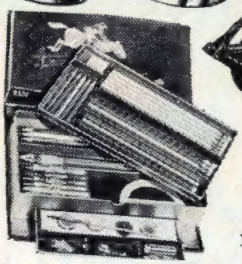

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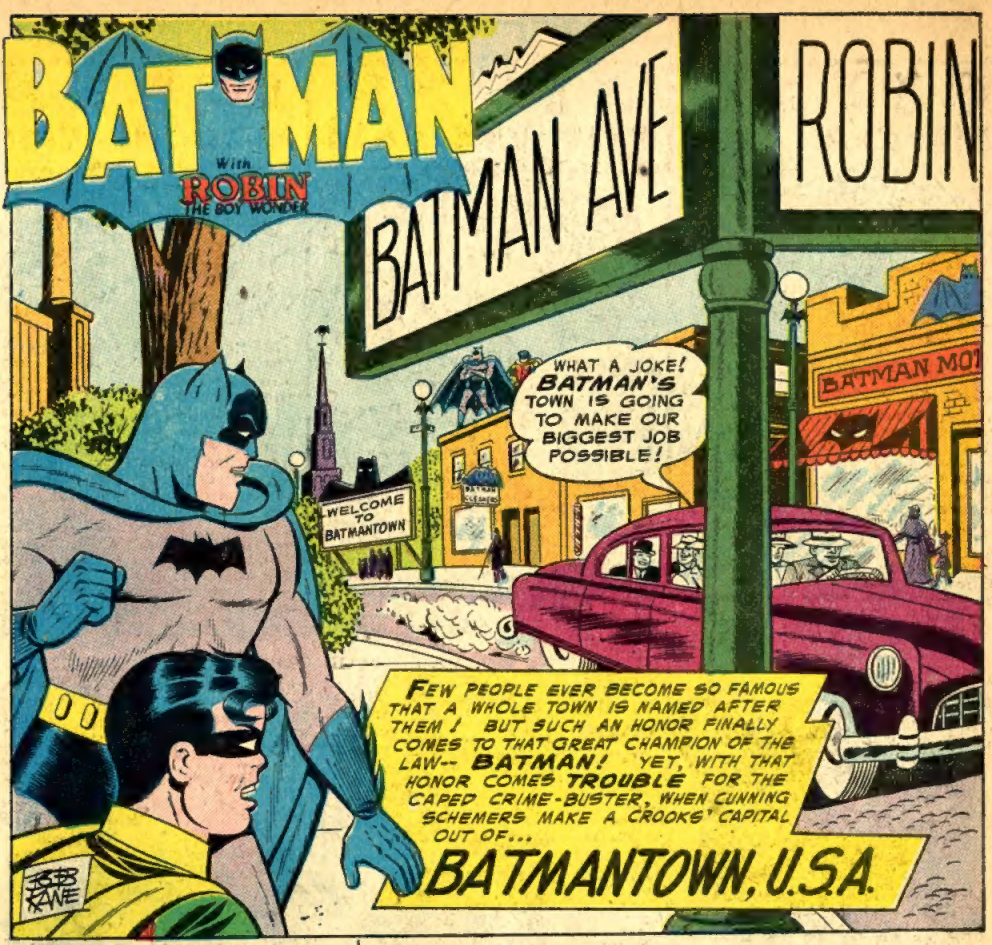
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With ROBIN THE BOY WONDER
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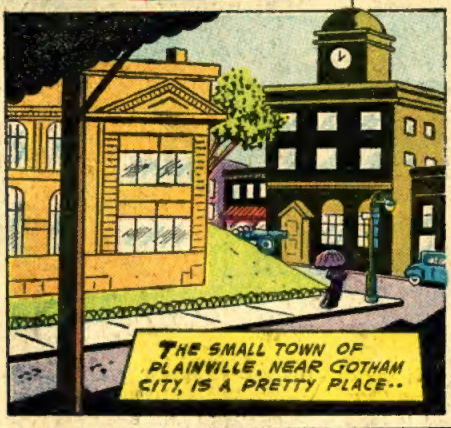
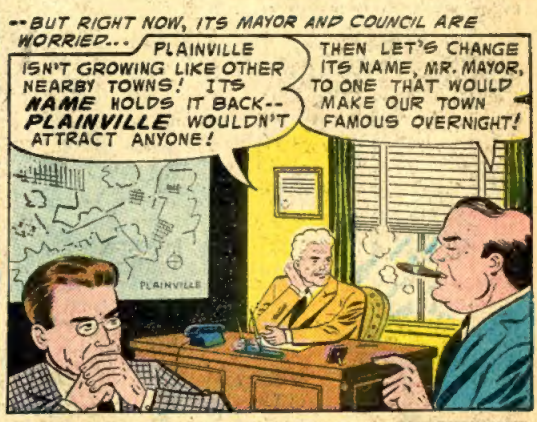
WHAT A JOKE! BATMAN'S TOWN IS GOING TO MAKE OUR BIGGEST JOB POSSIBLE!
WELCOME TO BATMANTOWN
BATMAN MO
FEW PEOPLE EVER BECOME SO FAMOUS THAT A WHOLE TOWN IS NAMED AFTER THEM! BUT SUCH AN HONOR FINALLY COMES TO THAT GREAT CHAMPION OF THE LAW-- BATMAN! YET, WITH THAT HONOR COMES TROUBLE FOR THE CAPED CRIME-BUSTER, WHEN CUNNING SCHEMERS MAKE A CROOKS' CAPITAL OUT OF...
BATMANTOWN, U.S.A.
BOB KANE




--BUT RIGHT NOW, ITS MAYOR AND COUNCIL ARE WORRIED...
PLAINVILLE ISN'T GROWING LIKE OTHER NEARBY TOWNS! ITS NAME HOLDS IT BACK-- PLAINVILLE WOULDN'T ATTRACT ANYONE!
THEN LET'S CHANGE ITS NAME, MR. MAYOR, TO ONE THAT WOULD MAKE OUR TOWN FAMOUS OVERNIGHT!
PLAINVILLE

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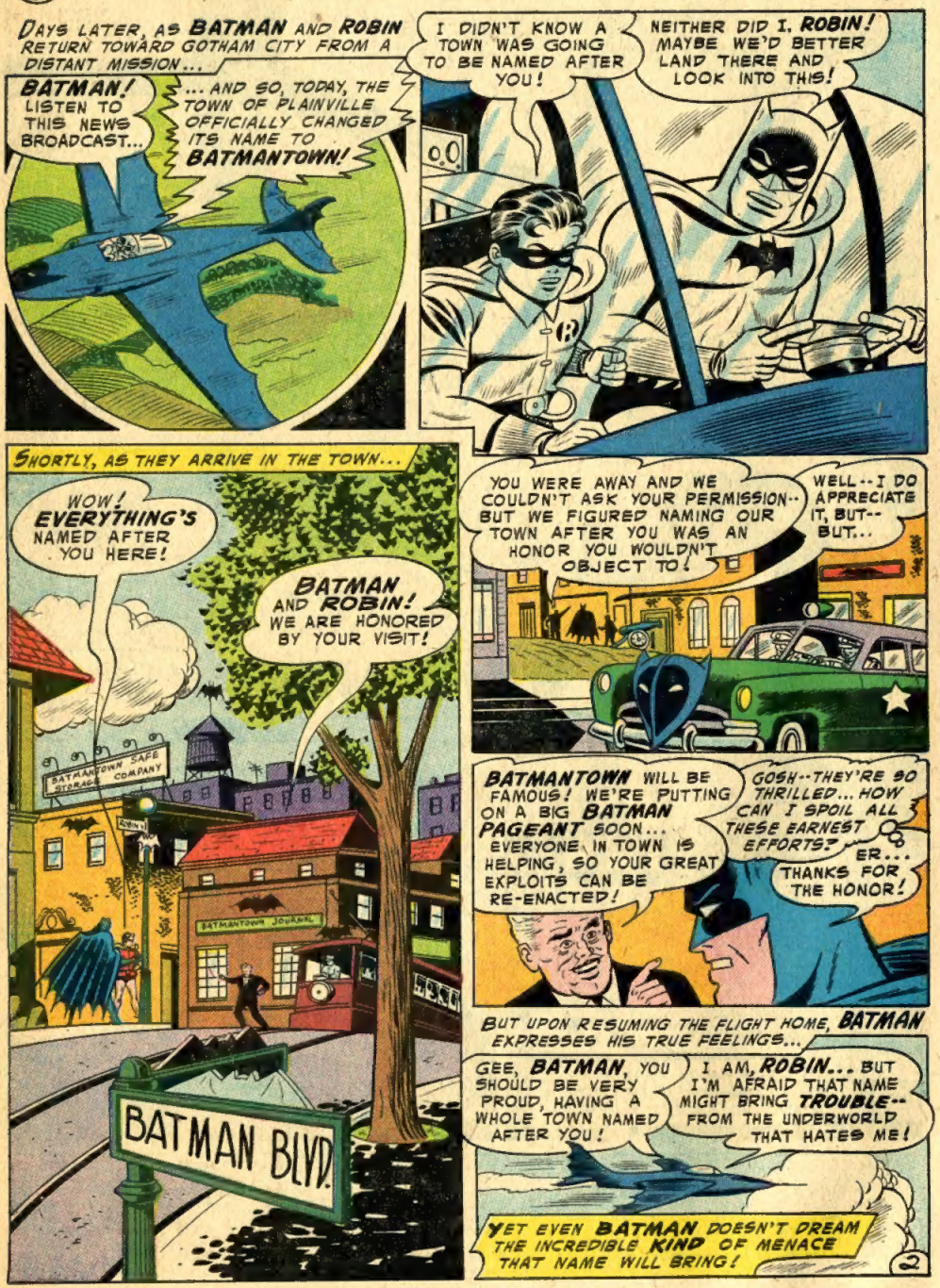
DAYS LATER, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN RETURN TOWARD GOTHAM CITY FROM A DISTANT MISSION...
BATMAN! LISTEN TO THIS NEWS BROADCAST...
... AND SO, TODAY, THE TOWN OF PLAINVILLE OFFICIALLY CHANGED ITS NAME TO BATMANTOWN!
I DIDN'T KNOW A TOWN WAS GOING TO BE NAMED AFTER YOU!
NEITHER DID I, ROBIN! MAYBE WE'D BETTER LAND THERE AND LOOK INTO THIS!
SHORTLY, AS THEY ARRIVE IN THE TOWN...
WOW! EVERYTHING'S NAMED AFTER YOU HERE!
BATMAN AND ROBIN! WE ARE HONORED BY YOUR VISIT!
BATMANTOWN SAFE STORAGE COMPANY
BATMANTOWN JOURNAL
BATMAN BLVD.
YOU WERE AWAY AND WE COULDN'T ASK YOUR PERMISSION-- BUT WE FIGURED NAMING OUR TOWN AFTER YOU WAS AN HONOR YOU WOULDN'T OBJECT TO!
WELL--I DO APPRECIATE IT, BUT-- BUT...
BATMANTOWN WILL BE FAMOUS! WE'RE PUTTING ON A BIG BATMAN PAGEANT SOON... EVERYONE IN TOWN IS HELPING, SO YOUR GREAT EXPLOITS CAN BE RE-ENACTED!
GOSH--THEY'RE SO THRILLED... HOW CAN I SPOIL ALL THESE EARNEST EFFORTS?
ER... THANKS FOR THE HONOR!
BUT UPON RESUMING THE FLIGHT HOME, BATMAN EXPRESSES HIS TRUE FEELINGS...
GEE, BATMAN, YOU SHOULD BE VERY PROUD, HAVING A WHOLE TOWN NAMED AFTER YOU!
I AM, ROBIN... BUT I'M AFRAID THAT NAME MIGHT BRING TROUBLE-- FROM THE UNDERWORLD THAT HATES ME!
YET EVEN BATMAN DOESN'T DREAM THE INCREDIBLE KIND OF MENACE THAT NAME WILL BRING!
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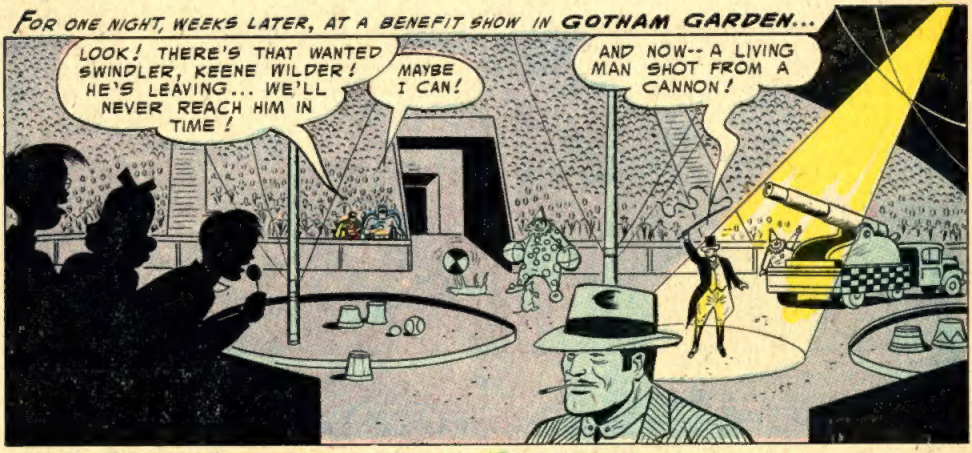

FOR ONE NIGHT, WEEKS LATER, AT A BENEFIT SHOW IN GOTHAM GARDEN...
LOOK! THERE'S THAT WANTED SWINDLER, KEENE WILDER! HE'S LEAVING... WE'LL NEVER REACH HIM IN TIME!
MAYBE I CAN!
AND NOW-- A LIVING MAN SHOT FROM A CANNON!

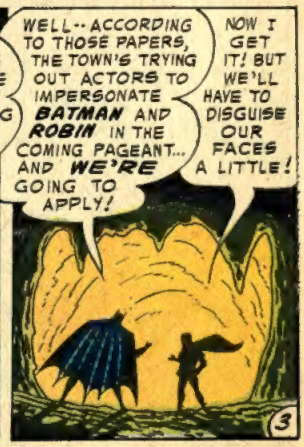
NEXT INSTANT, AS THE HARMLESS "CANNON" FIRES...
THANKS TO THE "CANNON" ACT'S HELP, I CAN MAKE IT FAST!
HUH--? BATMAN-- HURTLING RIGHT AT ME!

THIS IS TOO MUCH! I TRY OPERATING IN BATMANTOWN, AND BARSH'S MOB THERE RUNS ME OUT! WHEN I COME TO GOTHAM CITY, BATMAN HIMSELF NABS ME!
BARSH? WHAT'S THAT CROOK DOING IN BATMANTOWN?

BUT THE CAPTURED FUGITIVE WON'T TELL MORE...
HE WOULDN'T SAY ANYTHING... BUT IT SOUNDS LIKE CROOKS ARE LOOTING BATMANTOWN!
WE CAN MAKE A FAST CHECK OF OLD NEWSPAPERS TO FIND OUT!

AND AT THE BAT-CAVE'S NEWSPAPER FILE, THE CAPED CRIME-BUSTERS GET THE BIGGEST SURPRISE OF ALL...
WHY-- BATMANTOWN HAS HAD NO CRIME AT ALL, SINCE IT CHANGED ITS NAME!
THAT'S FINE... BUT THEN, WHAT'S BARSH'S OUTFIT DOING THERE? SOMETHING MIGHTY QUEER ABOUT THIS WHOLE BUSINESS...
BUILD IN BATMANTOWN THE SAFE CITY
BATMANTOWN CITY WITHOUT CRIME
KEEP YOUR VALUABLES IN THE BATMANTOWN SAFE STORAGE CO.

...AND WE'RE GOING THERE TO FIND OUT WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT!
BUT AS SOON AS THEY SEE US, BARSH AND HIS GANG WILL LAY LOW!


WELL-- ACCORDING TO THOSE PAPERS, THE TOWN'S TRYING OUT ACTORS TO IMPERSONATE BATMAN AND ROBIN IN THE COMING PAGEANT... AND WE'RE GOING TO APPLY!
NOW I GET IT! BUT WE'LL HAVE TO DISGUISE OUR FACES A LITTLE!
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THUS, IT'S A DISGUISED BRUCE WAYNE AND DICK GRAYSON WHO ARRIVE AT BATMANTOWN THE FOLLOWING DAY...
YES, MR. MAYOR, WE'RE GOOD ACROBATS AND WOULD LIKE THE JOB OF IMPERSONATING BATMAN AND ROBIN IN YOUR PAGEANT!
GOOD... WE'LL GIVE YOU A TRYOUT!
EN ROUTE TO THE TESTING GROUNDS...
MR. DANE, HERE, LET US PUT AN IMITATION BAT-SIGNAL ON HIS STORAGE BUILDING... THE TALLEST ONE IN TOWN!
SURE, ANYTHING TO HELP THE PAGEANT-- THOUGH IT'S JUST PRETENDING, SINCE WE HAVE NO CRIME HERE!
HERE ARE YOUR COSTUMES, AND HERE'S OUR IMITATION BATMOBILE! YOUR FIRST TRYOUT WILL BE TO SWING BETWEEN THOSE BUILDINGS!
I THINK WE CAN IMITATE BATMAN AND ROBIN WELL ENOUGH FOR THAT!
SOON, WITH ALL THE TOWNSFOLK LOOKING ON...
AN IMITATION BATMAN AND ROBIN... WHAT A LAUGH!
YEAH, BARSH, BUT ALL THIS BATMAN-PLAY-ACTING IS WHAT MAKES OUR BIG CLEANUP POSSIBLE!
SHORTLY, UP ON THE ROOF...
WE CAN EASILY SWING ACROSS THIS LITTLE GAP!
BUT DON'T BE TOO SKILLFUL... I SAW BARSH IN THE CROWD, WATCHING!
SUDDENLY, AS THE DUO PREPARES TO LAUNCH FORTH...
MUST GET FARTHER BACK TO SEE THEM...
THAT MAN!... HE'S BACKING RIGHT INTO THE PATH OF THAT ONCOMING CAR! ONLY ONE WAY TO SAVE HIM...
AND THE "BATMAN ACTOR" STARTLES THE CROWD WITH A FLASHING MOVEMENT...
WHAT IN THE WORLD...?
JUST IN TIME! BUT DON'T EVER BACK OUT INTO A STREET LIKE THAT AGAIN!
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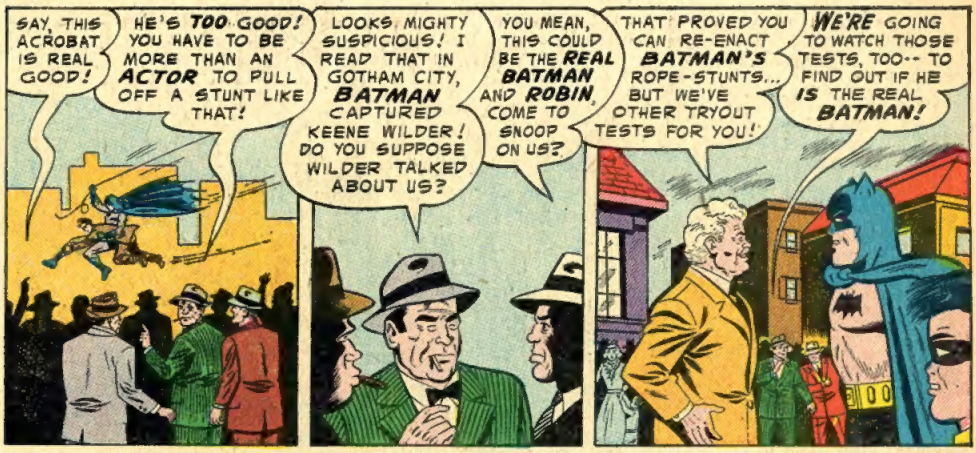
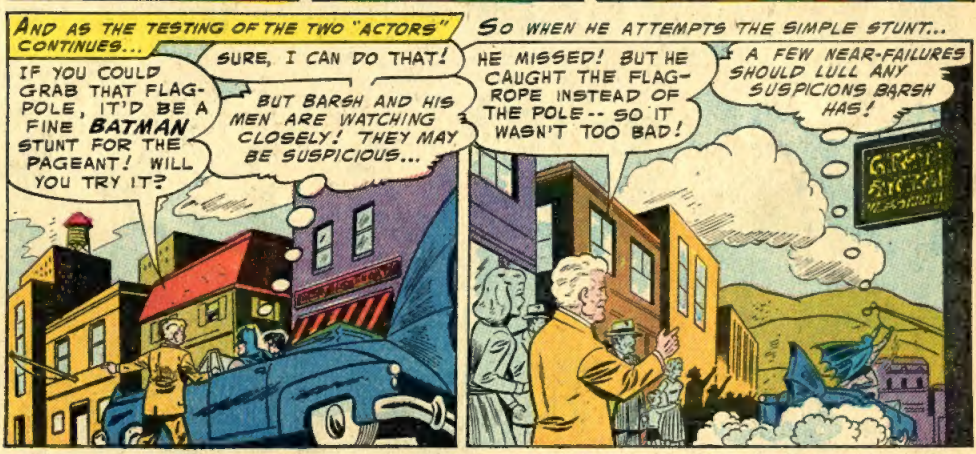
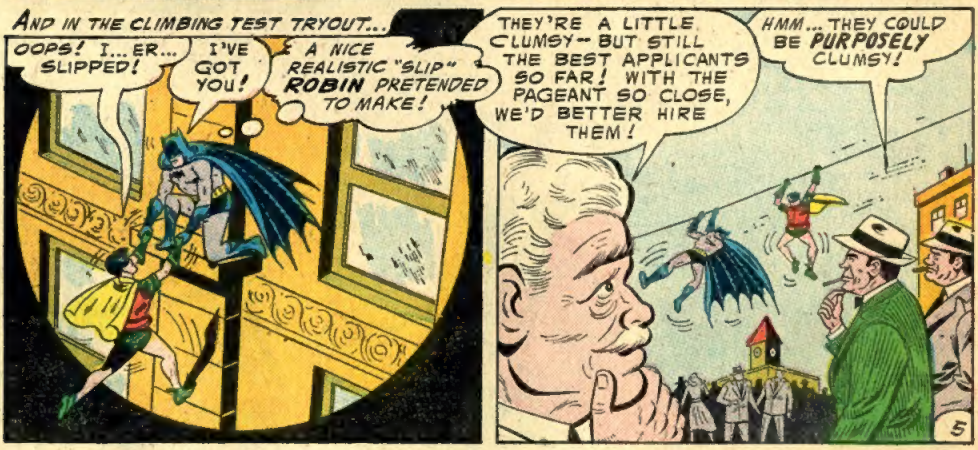
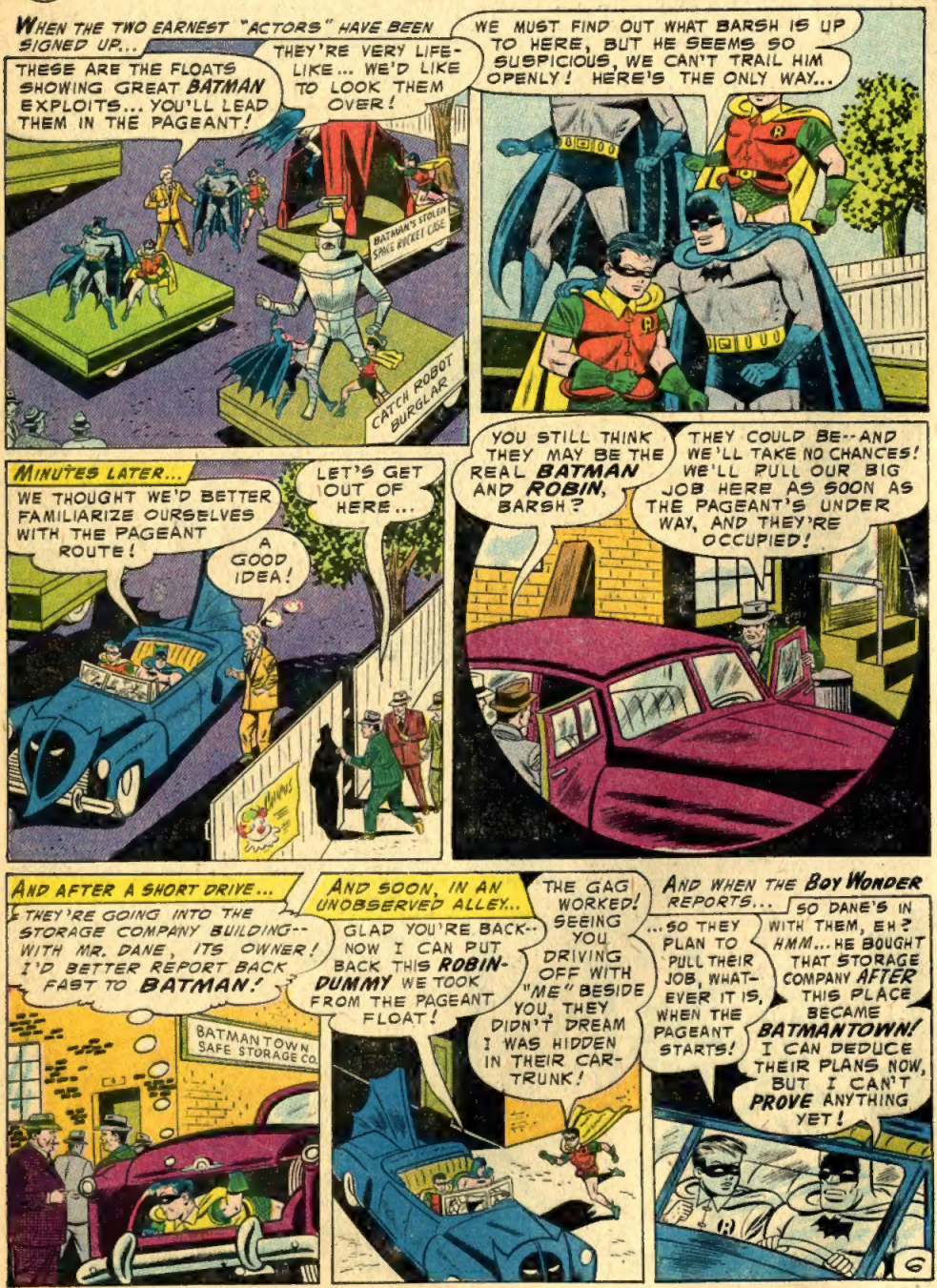

SAY, THIS ACROBAT IS REAL GOOD!
HE'S TOO GOOD! YOU HAVE TO BE MORE THAN AN ACTOR TO PULL OFF A STUNT LIKE THAT!
LOOKS MIGHTY SUSPICIOUS! I READ THAT IN GOTHAM CITY, BATMAN CAPTURED KEENE WILDER! DO YOU SUPPOSE WILDER TALKED ABOUT US?
YOU MEAN, THIS COULD BE THE REAL BATMAN AND ROBIN, COME TO SNOOP ON US?
THAT PROVED YOU CAN RE-ENACT BATMAN'S ROPE-STUNTS... BUT WE'VE OTHER TRYOUT TESTS FOR YOU!
WE'RE GOING TO WATCH THOSE TESTS, TOO-- TO FIND OUT IF HE IS THE REAL BATMAN!


AND AS THE TESTING OF THE TWO "ACTORS" CONTINUES...
IF YOU COULD GRAB THAT FLAG-POLE, IT'D BE A FINE BATMAN STUNT FOR THE PAGEANT! WILL YOU TRY IT?
SURE, I CAN DO THAT!
BUT BARSH AND HIS MEN ARE WATCHING CLOSELY! THEY MAY BE SUSPICIOUS...
SO WHEN HE ATTEMPTS THE SIMPLE STUNT...
HE MISSED! BUT HE CAUGHT THE FLAG-ROPE INSTEAD OF THE POLE-- SO IT WASN'T TOO BAD!
A FEW NEAR-FAILURES SHOULD LULL ANY SUSPICIONS BARSH HAS!


AND IN THE CLIMBING TEST TRYOUT...
OOPS! I...ER... SLIPPED!
I'VE GOT YOU!
A NICE REALISTIC "SLIP" ROBIN PRETENDED TO MAKE!
THEY'RE A LITTLE CLUMSY-- BUT STILL THE BEST APPLICANTS SO FAR! WITH THE PAGEANT SO CLOSE, WE'D BETTER HIRE THEM!
HMM... THEY COULD BE PURPOSELY CLUMSY!


WHEN THE TWO EARNEST "ACTORS" HAVE BEEN SIGNED UP...
THESE ARE THE FLOATS SHOWING GREAT BATMAN EXPLOITS... YOU'LL LEAD THEM IN THE PAGEANT!
THEY'RE VERY LIFE-LIKE... WE'D LIKE TO LOOK THEM OVER!
BATMAN'S STOLEN SPACE ROCKET CASE
CATCH ROBOT BURGLAR
WE MUST FIND OUT WHAT BARSH IS UP TO HERE, BUT HE SEEMS SO SUSPICIOUS, WE CAN'T TRAIL HIM OPENLY! HERE'S THE ONLY WAY...
MINUTES LATER...
WE THOUGHT WE'D BETTER FAMILIARIZE OURSELVES WITH THE PAGEANT ROUTE!
A GOOD IDEA!
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE...
YOU STILL THINK THEY MAY BE THE REAL BATMAN AND ROBIN, BARSH?
THEY COULD BE--AND WE'LL TAKE NO CHANCES! WE'LL PULL OUR BIG JOB HERE AS SOON AS THE PAGEANT'S UNDER WAY, AND THEY'RE OCCUPIED!
AND AFTER A SHORT DRIVE...
THEY'RE GOING INTO THE STORAGE COMPANY BUILDING--WITH MR. DANE, ITS OWNER! I'D BETTER REPORT BACK FAST TO BATMAN!
BATMAN TOWN SAFE STORAGE CO.
AND SOON, IN AN UNOBSERVED ALLEY...
GLAD YOU'RE BACK--NOW I CAN PUT BACK THIS ROBIN-DUMMY WE TOOK FROM THE PAGEANT FLOAT!
THE GAG WORKED! SEEING YOU DRIVING OFF WITH "ME" BESIDE YOU, THEY DIDN'T DREAM I WAS HIDDEN IN THEIR CAR-TRUNK!
AND WHEN THE BOY WONDER REPORTS...
...SO THEY PLAN TO PULL THEIR JOB, WHATEVER IT IS, WHEN THE PAGEANT STARTS!
SO DANE'S IN WITH THEM, EH? HMM... HE BOUGHT THAT STORAGE COMPANY AFTER THIS PLACE BECAME BATMANTOWN! I CAN DEDUCE THEIR PLANS NOW, BUT I CAN'T PROVE ANYTHING YET!
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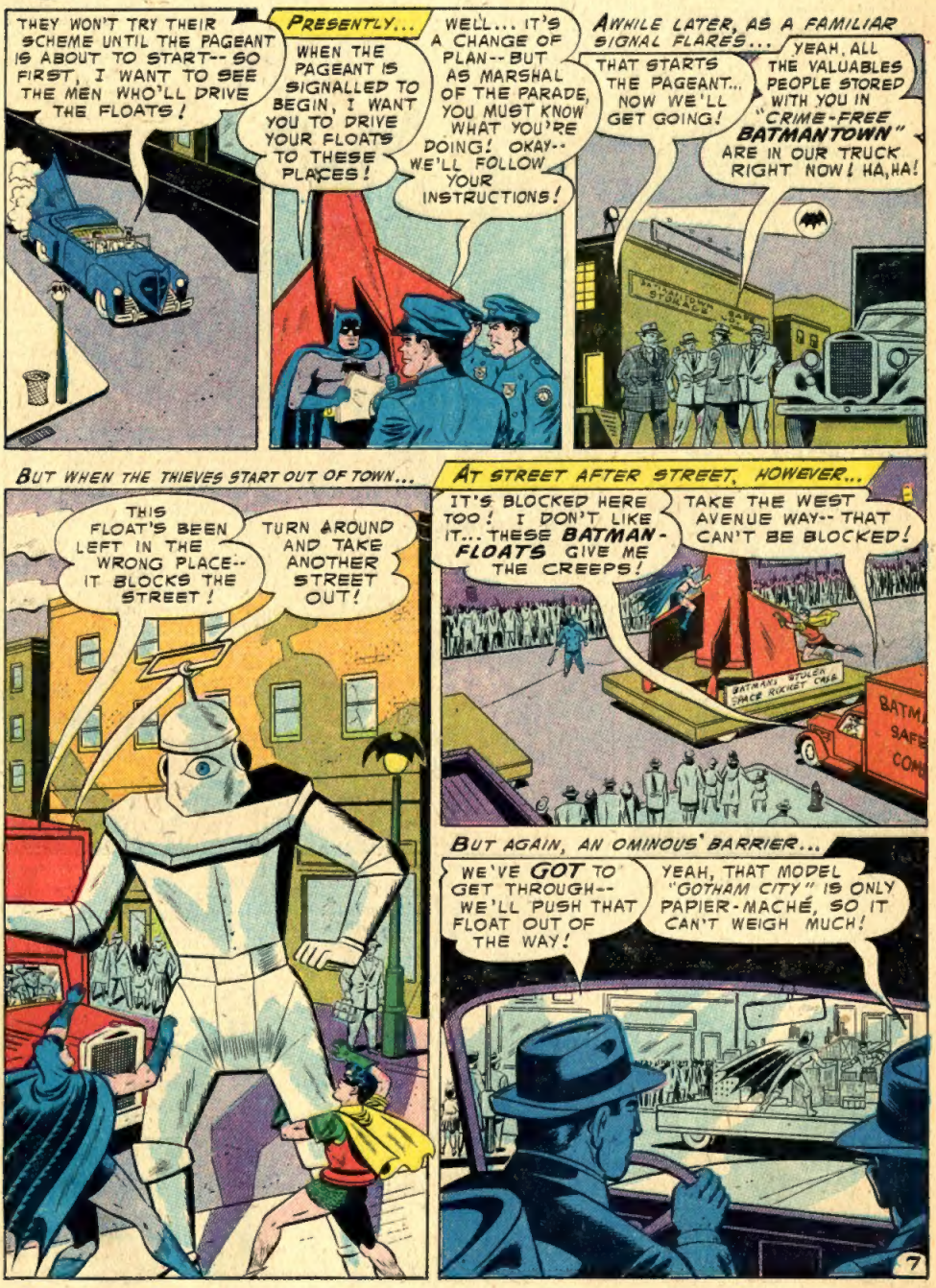
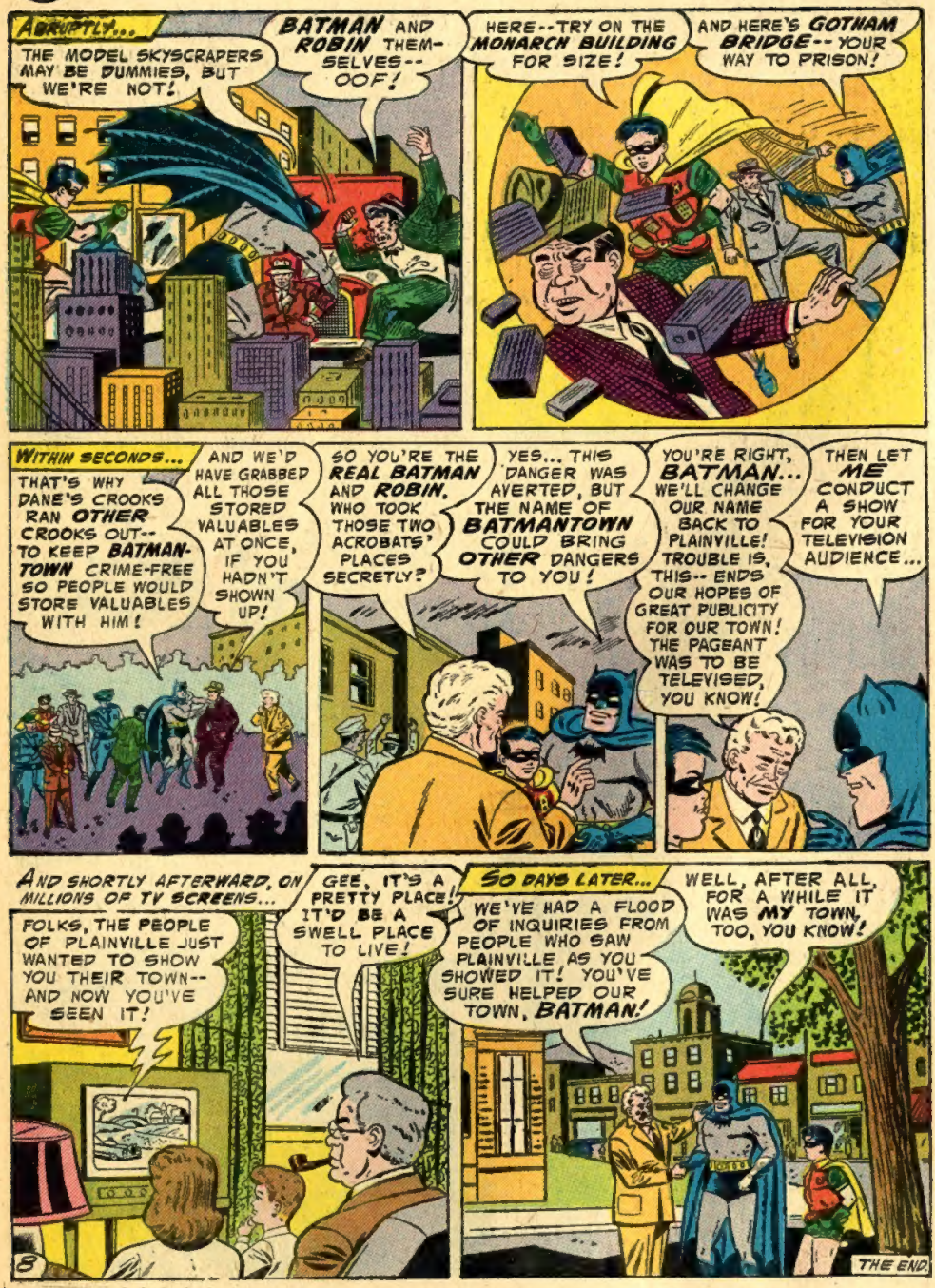

THEY WON'T TRY THEIR SCHEME UNTIL THE PAGEANT IS ABOUT TO START-- SO FIRST, I WANT TO SEE THE MEN WHO'LL DRIVE THE FLOATS!
PRESENTLY...
WHEN THE PAGEANT IS SIGNALLED TO BEGIN, I WANT YOU TO DRIVE YOUR FLOATS TO THESE PLACES!
WELL... IT'S A CHANGE OF PLAN-- BUT AS MARSHAL OF THE PARADE, YOU MUST KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING! OKAY-- WE'LL FOLLOW YOUR INSTRUCTIONS!
AWHILE LATER, AS A FAMILIAR SIGNAL FLARES...
THAT STARTS THE PAGEANT... NOW WE'LL GET GOING!
YEAH, ALL THE VALUABLES PEOPLE STORED WITH YOU IN "CRIME-FREE BATMANTOWN" ARE IN OUR TRUCK RIGHT NOW! HA,HA!
BUT WHEN THE THIEVES START OUT OF TOWN...
THIS FLOAT'S BEEN LEFT IN THE WRONG PLACE-- IT BLOCKS THE STREET!
TURN AROUND AND TAKE ANOTHER STREET OUT!
AT STREET AFTER STREET, HOWEVER...
IT'S BLOCKED HERE TOO! I DON'T LIKE IT... THESE BATMAN-FLOATS GIVE ME THE CREEPS!
TAKE THE WEST AVENUE WAY-- THAT CAN'T BE BLOCKED!
BUT AGAIN, AN OMINOUS BARRIER...
WE'VE GOT TO GET THROUGH-- WE'LL PUSH THAT FLOAT OUT OF THE WAY!
YEAH, THAT MODEL "GOTHAM CITY" IS ONLY PAPIER-MACHÉ, SO IT CAN'T WEIGH MUCH!


ABRUPTLY...
THE MODEL SKYSCRAPERS MAY BE DUMMIES, BUT WE'RE NOT!
BATMAN AND ROBIN THEMSELVES-- OOOF!
HERE--TRY ON THE MONARCH BUILDING FOR SIZE!
AND HERE'S GOTHAM BRIDGE-- YOUR WAY TO PRISON!
WITHIN SECONDS...
THAT'S WHY DANE'S CROOKS RAN OTHER CROOKS OUT-- TO KEEP BATMANTOWN CRIME-FREE SO PEOPLE WOULD STORE VALUABLES WITH HIM!
AND WE'D HAVE GRABBED ALL THOSE STORED VALUABLES AT ONCE, IF YOU HADN'T SHOWN UP!
SO YOU'RE THE REAL BATMAN AND ROBIN, WHO TOOK THOSE TWO ACROBATS' PLACES SECRETLY?
YES... THIS DANGER WAS AVERTED, BUT THE NAME OF BATMANTOWN COULD BRING OTHER DANGERS TO YOU!
YOU'RE RIGHT, BATMAN... WE'LL CHANGE OUR NAME BACK TO PLAINVILLE! TROUBLE IS, THIS-- ENDS OUR HOPES OF GREAT PUBLICITY FOR OUR TOWN! THE PAGEANT WAS TO BE TELEVISED, YOU KNOW!
THEN LET ME CONDUCT A SHOW FOR YOUR TELEVISION AUDIENCE...
AND SHORTLY AFTERWARD, ON MILLIONS OF TV SCREENS...
FOLKS, THE PEOPLE OF PLAINVILLE JUST WANTED TO SHOW YOU THEIR TOWN-- AND NOW YOU'VE SEEN IT!
GEE, IT'S A PRETTY PLACE! IT'D BE A SWELL PLACE TO LIVE!
SO DAYS LATER...
WE'VE HAD A FLOOD OF INQUIRIES FROM PEOPLE WHO SAW PLAINVILLE AS YOU SHOWED IT! YOU'VE SURE HELPED OUR TOWN, BATMAN!
WELL, AFTER ALL, FOR A WHILE IT WAS MY TOWN, TOO, YOU KNOW!
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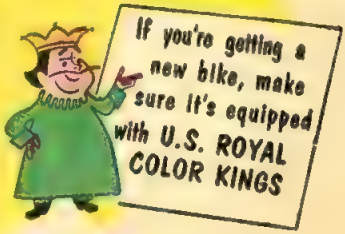

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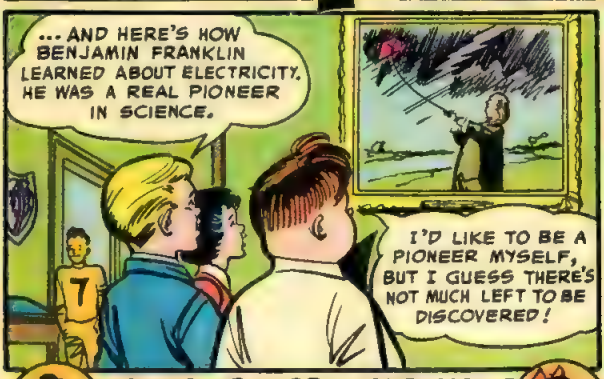
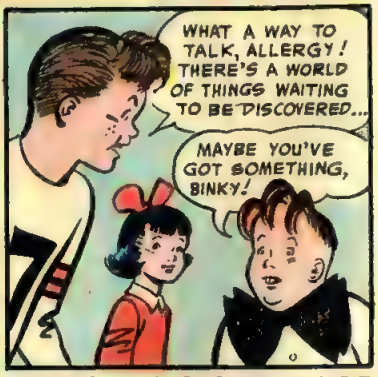
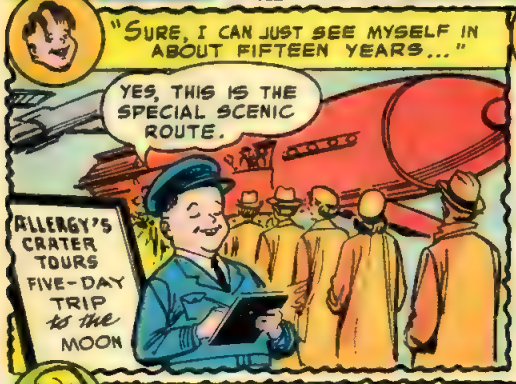
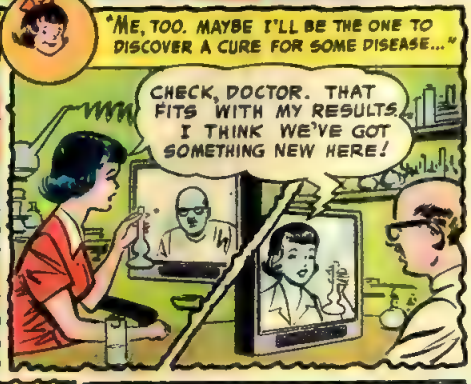
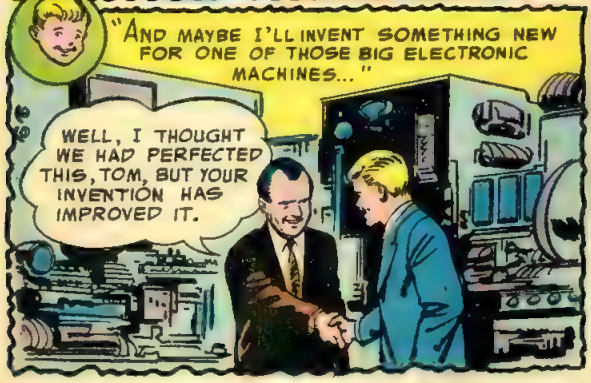
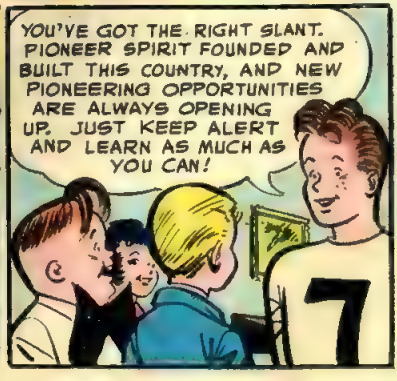

...AND HERE'S HOW BENJAMIN FRANKLIN LEARNED ABOUT ELECTRICITY. HE WAS A REAL PIONEER IN SCIENCE.
I'D LIKE TO BE A PIONEER MYSELF, BUT I GUESS THERE'S NOT MUCH LEFT TO BE DISCOVERED!




"SURE, I CAN JUST SEE MYSELF IN ABOUT FIFTEEN YEARS..."
YES, THIS IS THE SPECIAL SCENIC ROUTE.
ALLERGY'S CRATER TOURS FIVE-DAY TRIP to the MOON


"ME, TOO. MAYBE I'LL BE THE ONE TO DISCOVER A CURE FOR SOME DISEASE..."
CHECK, DOCTOR. THAT FITS WITH MY RESULTS. I THINK WE'VE GOT SOMETHING NEW HERE!


"AND MAYBE I'LL INVENT SOMETHING NEW FOR ONE OF THOSE BIG ELECTRONIC MACHINES..."
WELL, I THOUGHT WE HAD PERFECTED THIS, TOM, BUT YOUR INVENTION HAS IMPROVED IT.


YOU'VE GOT THE RIGHT SLANT. PIONEER SPIRIT FOUNDED AND BUILT THIS COUNTRY, AND NEW PIONEERING OPPORTUNITIES ARE ALWAYS OPENING UP. JUST KEEP ALERT AND LEARN AS MUCH AS YOU CAN!
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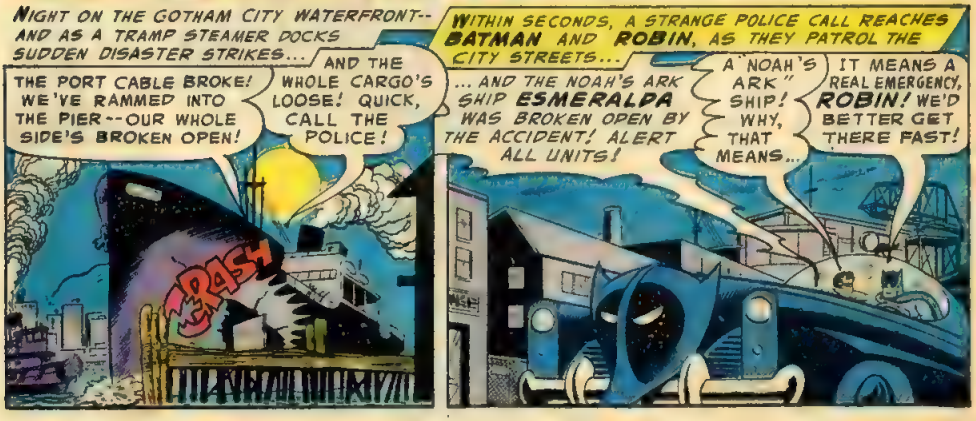
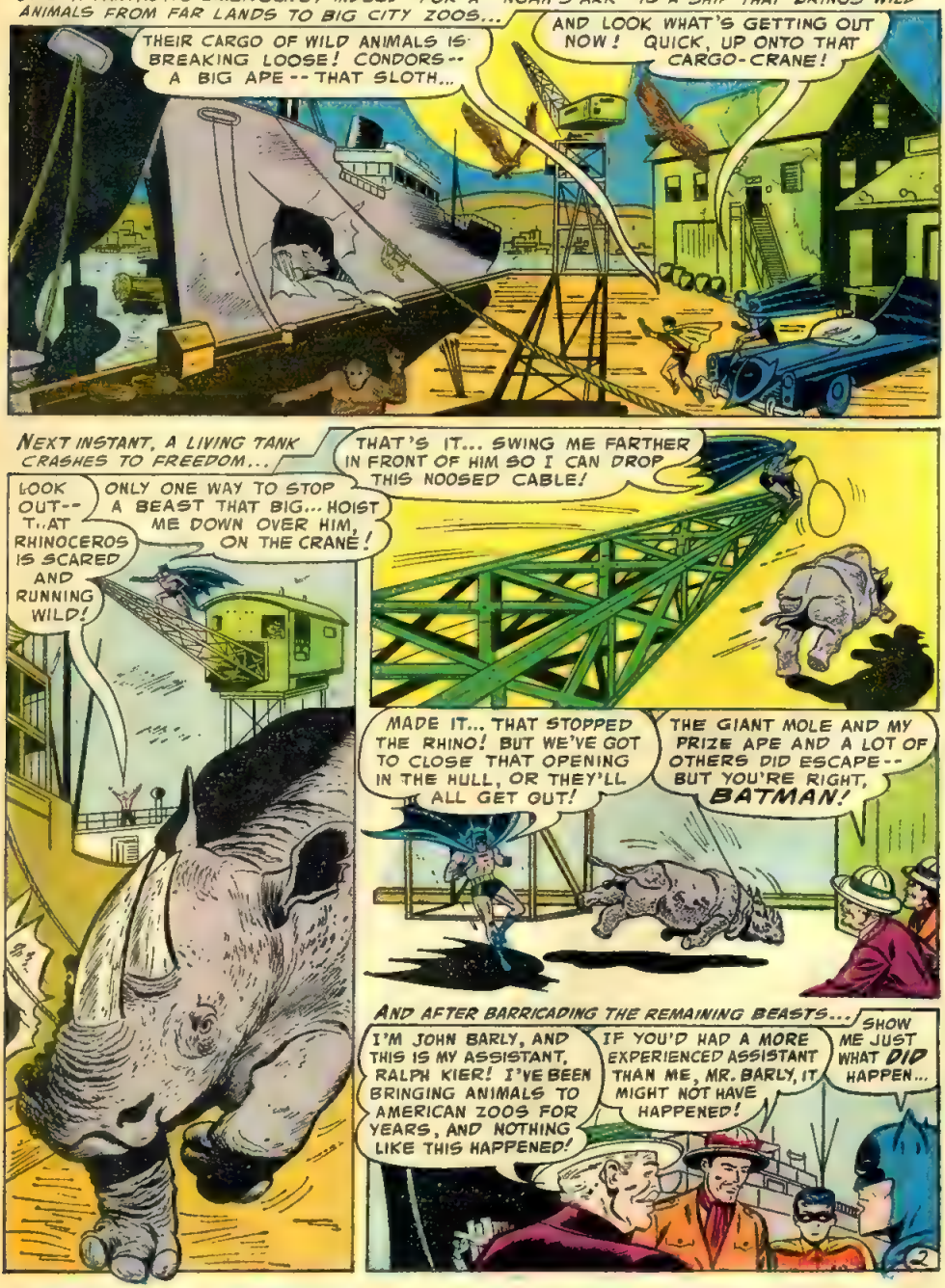
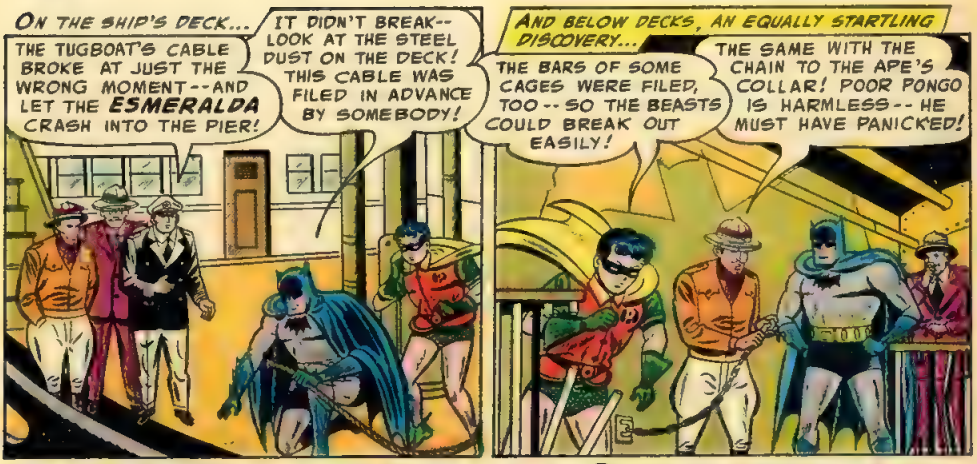
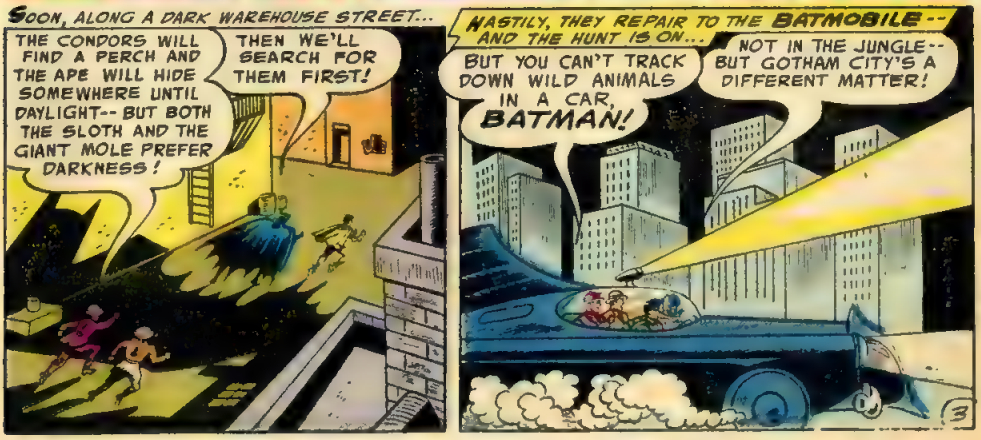
BATMAN
WITH
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER
NO, DON'T SHOOT THE GREAT APE!
THROUGH THE THOUSAND STREETS AND WAYS OF GOTHAM CITY, BATMAN AND ROBIN HAVE TRACKED MANY A MAN WANTED BY THE LAW! BUT NOW, IN THE GREAT CITY, THE DYNAMIC DUO MUST TRAIL DOWN WANTED FUGITIVES WHO ARE ANIMALS, NOT MEN! FOR WHEN A CUNNING HUMAN CONSPIRACY SETS LOOSE BEASTS FROM THE FAR CORNERS OF EARTH, THE CAPED CRIME-BUSTERS CAN ONLY CRUSH THAT SINISTER SCHEME BY BECOMING...
THE HUNTERS OF GOTHAM CITY


NIGHT ON THE GOTHAM CITY WATERFRONT--AND AS A TRAMP STEAMER DOCKS SUDDEN DISASTER STRIKES...
THE PORT CABLE BROKE! WE'VE RAMMED INTO THE PIER--OUR WHOLE SIDE'S BROKEN OPEN!
AND THE WHOLE CARGO'S LOOSE! QUICK, CALL THE POLICE!
CRASH
WITHIN SECONDS, A STRANGE POLICE CALL REACHES BATMAN AND ROBIN, AS THEY PATROL THE CITY STREETS...
...AND THE NOAH'S ARK SHIP ESMERALDA WAS BROKEN OPEN BY THE ACCIDENT! ALERT ALL UNITS!
A "NOAH'S ARK" SHIP! WHY, THAT MEANS...
IT MEANS A REAL EMERGENCY, ROBIN! WE'D BETTER GET THERE FAST!


IT'S A FANTASTIC EMERGENCY INDEED-- FOR A "NOAH'S ARK" IS A SHIP THAT BRINGS WILD ANIMALS FROM FAR LANDS TO BIG CITY ZOOS...
THEIR CARGO OF WILD ANIMALS IS BREAKING LOOSE! CONDORS-- A BIG APE -- THAT SLOTH...
AND LOOK WHAT'S GETTING OUT NOW! QUICK, UP ONTO THAT CARGO-CRANE!
NEXT INSTANT, A LIVING TANK CRASHES TO FREEDOM...
LOOK OUT-- T..AT RHINOCEROS IS SCARED AND RUNNING WILD!
ONLY ONE WAY TO STOP A BEAST THAT BIG... HOIST ME DOWN OVER HIM, ON THE CRANE!
THAT'S IT... SWING ME FARTHER IN FRONT OF HIM SO I CAN DROP THIS NOOSED CABLE!
MADE IT... THAT STOPPED THE RHINO! BUT WE'VE GOT TO CLOSE THAT OPENING IN THE HULL, OR THEY'LL ALL GET OUT!
THE GIANT MOLE AND MY PRIZE APE AND A LOT OF OTHERS DID ESCAPE-- BUT YOU'RE RIGHT, BATMAN!
AND AFTER BARRICADING THE REMAINING BEASTS...
I'M JOHN BARLY, AND THIS IS MY ASSISTANT, RALPH KIER! I'VE BEEN BRINGING ANIMALS TO AMERICAN ZOOS FOR YEARS, AND NOTHING LIKE THIS HAPPENED!
IF YOU'D HAD A MORE EXPERIENCED ASSISTANT THAN ME, MR. BARLY, IT MIGHT NOT HAVE HAPPENED!
SHOW ME JUST WHAT DID HAPPEN...


ON THE SHIP'S DECK...
THE TUGBOAT'S CABLE BROKE AT JUST THE WRONG MOMENT--AND LET THE ESMERALDA CRASH INTO THE PIER!
IT DIDN'T BREAK--LOOK AT THE STEEL DUST ON THE DECK! THIS CABLE WAS FILED IN ADVANCE BY SOMEBODY!
AND BELOW DECKS, AN EQUALLY STARTLING DISCOVERY...
THE BARS OF SOME CAGES WERE FILED, TOO--SO THE BEASTS COULD BREAK OUT EASILY!
THE SAME WITH THE CHAIN TO THE APE'S COLLAR! POOR PONGO IS HARMLESS--HE MUST HAVE PANICK'ED!

I WAS TEACHING HIM TO ANSWER THIS BELL--MAYBE THE BELL WOULD HELP RECAPTURE HIM!
THEY'VE ALL GOT TO BE RECAPTURED... WE MUST START AFTER THEM AT ONCE!
SOMEBODY WANTED THOSE ANIMALS TO ESCAPE INTO GOTHAM CITY--BUT WHY? IT'S FANTASTIC!
THERE'S ONLY ONE REASON I CAN THINK OF--AND IF I'M RIGHT, THERE'S A CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY BEHIND THIS! BUT FOR PROOF, WE HAVE TO GET THOSE BEASTS!
PRECIOUS MINUTES FLEE AS LANDING FORMALITIES ARE HURRIED THROUGH..
YOU CUSTOMS MEN ARE DELAYING A VITAL SEARCH... THOSE ESCAPED BEASTS MUST BE CAUGHT QUICKLY!
SORRY... WE HAVE TO EXAMINE EVERYONE COMING ASHORE FOR POSSIBLE SMUGGLING! GO AHEAD--YOU'RE CLEAR!


SOON, ALONG A DARK WAREHOUSE STREET...
THE CONDORS WILL FIND A PERCH AND THE APE WILL HIDE SOMEWHERE UNTIL DAYLIGHT--BUT BOTH THE SLOTH AND THE GIANT MOLE PREFER DARKNESS!
THEN WE'LL SEARCH FOR THEM FIRST!
HASTILY, THEY REPAIR TO THE BATMOBILE--AND THE HUNT IS ON...
BUT YOU CAN'T TRACK DOWN WILD ANIMALS IN A CAR, BATMAN!
NOT IN THE JUNGLE--BUT GOTHAM CITY'S A DIFFERENT MATTER!
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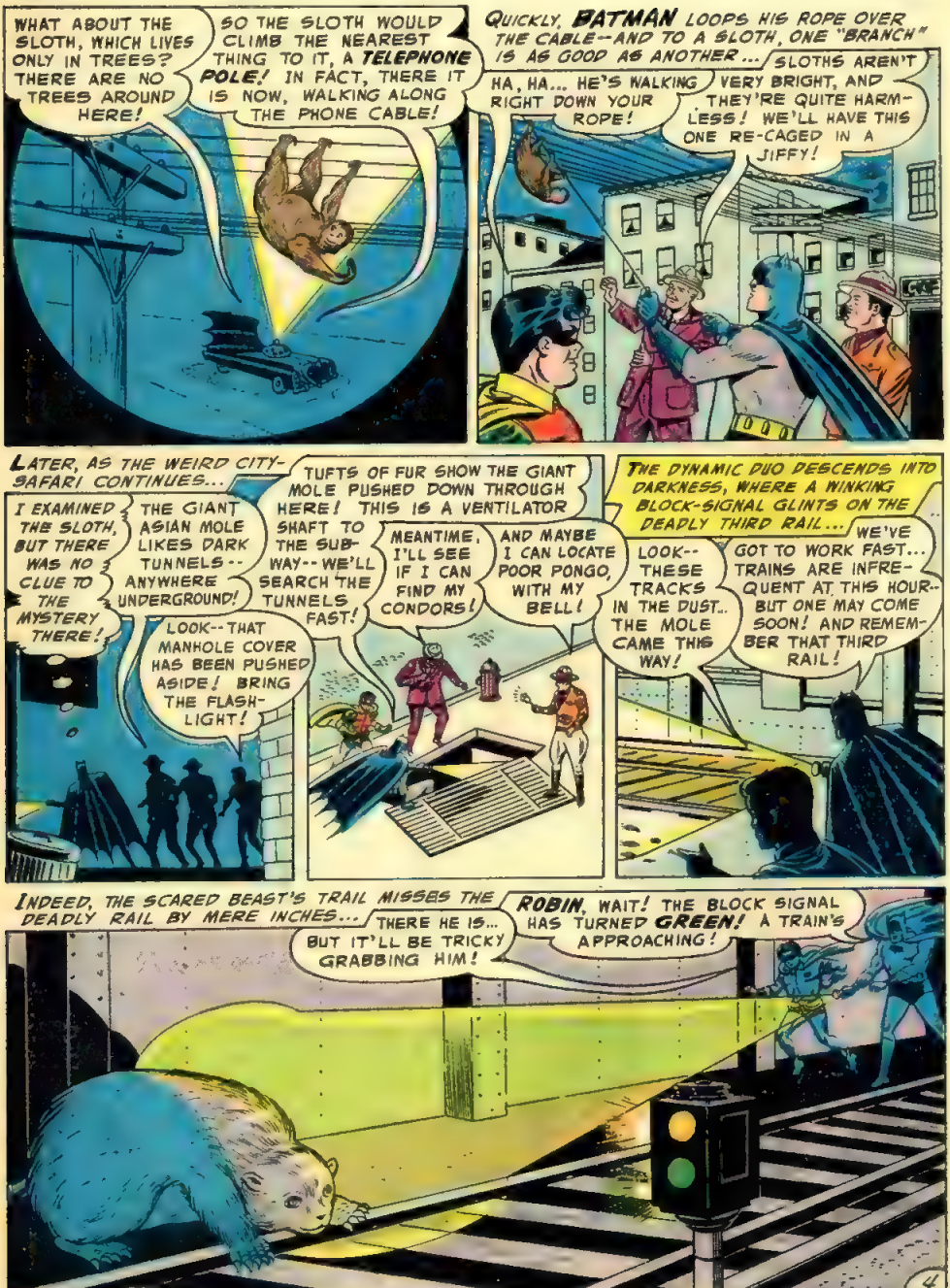
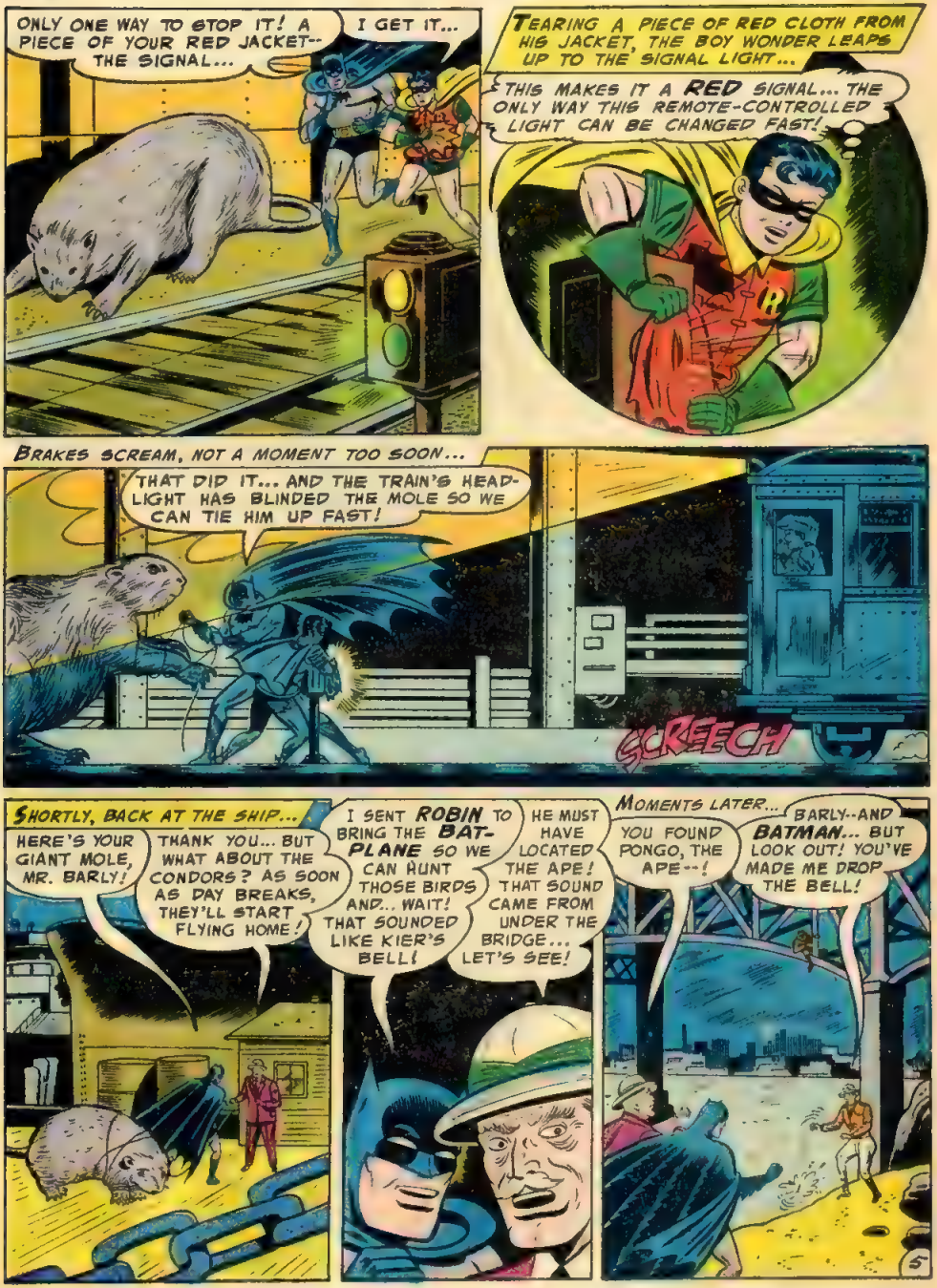

WHAT ABOUT THE SLOTH, WHICH LIVES ONLY IN TREES? THERE ARE NO TREES AROUND HERE!
SO THE SLOTH WOULD CLIMB THE NEAREST THING TO IT, A TELEPHONE POLE! IN FACT, THERE IT IS NOW, WALKING ALONG THE PHONE CABLE!
QUICKLY, BATMAN LOOPS HIS ROPE OVER THE CABLE--AND TO A SLOTH, ONE "BRANCH" IS AS GOOD AS ANOTHER...
HA, HA... HE'S WALKING RIGHT DOWN YOUR ROPE!
SLOTHS AREN'T VERY BRIGHT, AND THEY'RE QUITE HARMLESS! WE'LL HAVE THIS ONE RE-CAGED IN A JIFFY!
LATER, AS THE WEIRD CITY-SAFARI CONTINUES...
I EXAMINED THE SLOTH, BUT THERE WAS NO CLUE TO THE MYSTERY THERE!
THE GIANT ASIAN MOLE LIKES DARK TUNNELS--ANYWHERE UNDERGROUND!
LOOK--THAT MANHOLE COVER HAS BEEN PUSHED ASIDE! BRING THE FLASHLIGHT!
TUFTS OF FUR SHOW THE GIANT MOLE PUSHED DOWN THROUGH HERE! THIS IS A VENTILATOR SHAFT TO THE SUBWAY--WE'LL SEARCH THE TUNNELS FAST!
MEANTIME, I'LL SEE IF I CAN FIND MY CONDORS!
AND MAYBE I CAN LOCATE POOR PONGO, WITH MY BELL!
THE DYNAMIC DUO DESCENDS INTO DARKNESS, WHERE A WINKING BLOCK-SIGNAL GLINTS ON THE DEADLY THIRD RAIL...
LOOK--THESE TRACKS IN THE DUST... THE MOLE CAME THIS WAY!
WE'VE GOT TO WORK FAST... TRAINS ARE INFREQUENT AT THIS HOUR--BUT ONE MAY COME SOON! AND REMEMBER THAT THIRD RAIL!
INDEED, THE SCARED BEAST'S TRAIL MISSES THE DEADLY RAIL BY MERE INCHES...
THERE HE IS... BUT IT'LL BE TRICKY GRABBING HIM!
ROBIN, WAIT! THE BLOCK SIGNAL HAS TURNED GREEN! A TRAIN'S APPROACHING!


ONLY ONE WAY TO STOP IT! A PIECE OF YOUR RED JACKET--THE SIGNAL...
I GET IT...
TEARING A PIECE OF RED CLOTH FROM HIS JACKET, THE BOY WONDER LEAPS UP TO THE SIGNAL LIGHT...
THIS MAKES IT A RED SIGNAL... THE ONLY WAY THIS REMOTE-CONTROLLED LIGHT CAN BE CHANGED FAST!
BRAKES SCREAM, NOT A MOMENT TOO SOON...
THAT DID IT... AND THE TRAIN'S HEADLIGHT HAS BLINDED THE MOLE SO WE CAN TIE HIM UP FAST!
SCREECH
SHORTLY, BACK AT THE SHIP...
HERE'S YOUR GIANT MOLE, MR. BARLY!
THANK YOU... BUT WHAT ABOUT THE CONDORS? AS SOON AS DAY BREAKS, THEY'LL START FLYING HOME!
I SENT ROBIN TO BRING THE BAT-PLANE SO WE CAN HUNT THOSE BIRDS AND... WAIT! THAT SOUNDED LIKE KIER'S BELL!
HE MUST HAVE LOCATED THE APE! THAT SOUND CAME FROM UNDER THE BRIDGE... LET'S SEE!
MOMENTS LATER...
YOU FOUND PONGO, THE APE--!
BARLY--AND BATMAN... BUT LOOK OUT! YOU'VE MADE ME DROP THE BELL!
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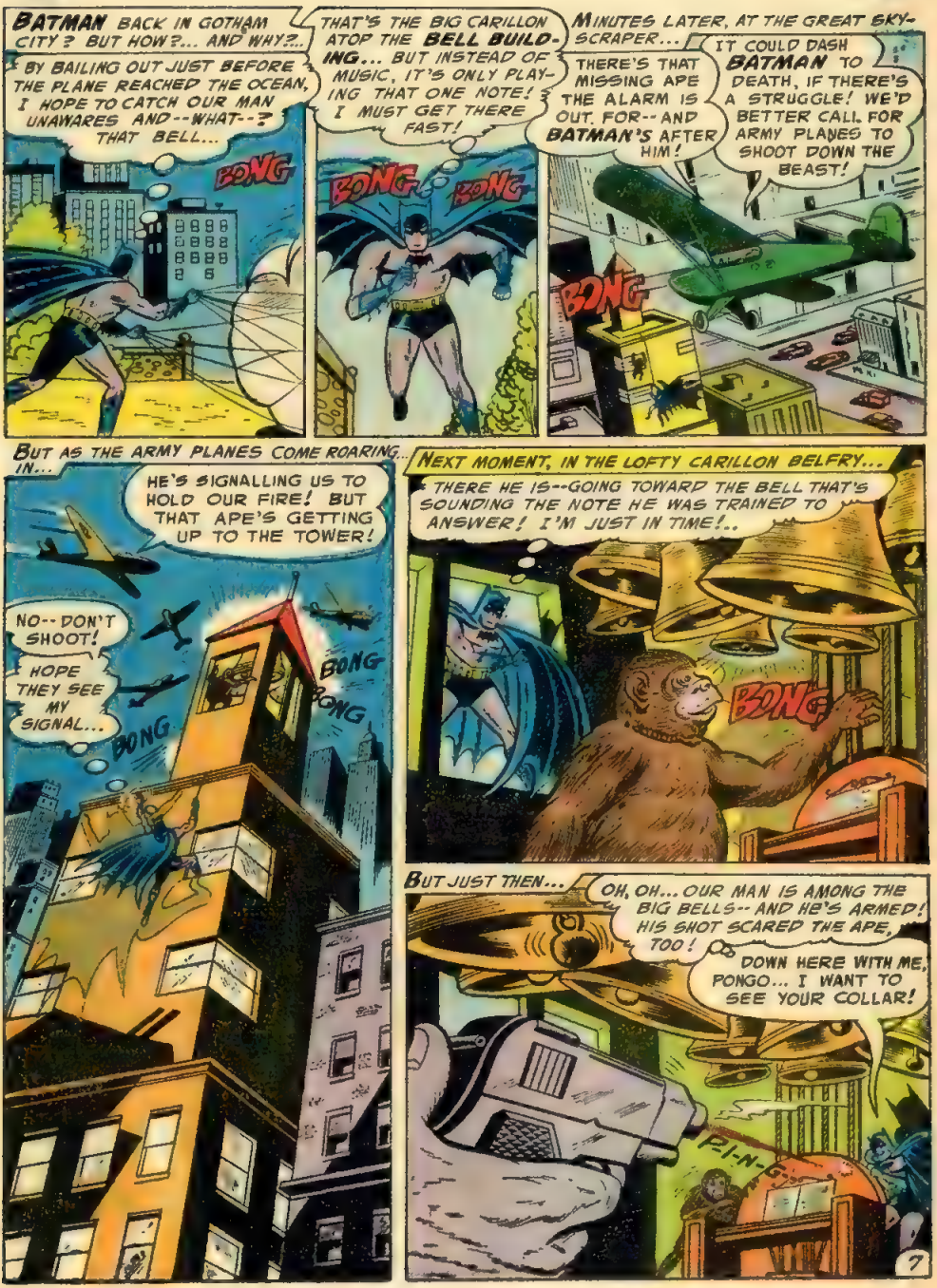
I'D ALMOST LURED HIM DOWN, AND YOU SPOILED IT! NOW THE BELL'S GONE--AND PONGO IS RUNNING OFF AGAIN!
WE'LL HAVE TO FIND HIM... BUT I HEAR THE BAT-PLANE COMING!
AND AS THE BOY WONDER BRINGS THE BAT-PLANE DOWN...
WE MUST CATCH THE CONDORS FIRST!
BATMAN, I THINK YOU SHOULD KNOW... JUST BEFORE WE REACHED PORT, BARLY WAS DOING SOMETHING WITH THOSE CONDORS! DO YOU SUPPOSE HE WAS USING THEM TO SMUGGLE IN SOMETHING?
VERY POSSIBLE, KIER... THANKS FOR THE TIP! WE'LL INVESTIGATE IT AS SOON AS WE CATCH THOSE CONDORS!
AND WHILE YOU'RE AFTER THEM, I'LL TRY TO FIND PONGO AGAIN!
OUT AFTER GREAT KINGS OF THE AIR ZOOMS THE BLACK-WINGED BAT-PLANE...
I RIGGED UP A BIG SCOOP-NET, THE WAY YOU ASKED ME TO, BATMAN!
GOOD! NOW HERE'S WHAT WE'LL DO...
LATER, OVER THE HIGH SEAS...
THE NET IS BIG ENOUGH TO TRAP THE CONDORS WITHOUT HARMING THEM!
BUT THEY'RE DODGING, TURNING...
GOT 'EM ANYHOW! NOW, IF BATMAN IS SUCCESSFUL BACK IN GOTHAM CITY...


BATMAN BACK IN GOTHAM CITY? BUT HOW?... AND WHY?...
BY BAILING OUT JUST BEFORE THE PLANE REACHED THE OCEAN, I HOPE TO CATCH OUR MAN UNAWARES AND--WHAT--? THAT BELL...
BONG
THAT'S THE BIG CARILLON ATOP THE BELL BUILDING... BUT INSTEAD OF MUSIC, IT'S ONLY PLAYING THAT ONE NOTE! I MUST GET THERE FAST!
BONG
BONG
MINUTES LATER, AT THE GREAT SKYSCRAPER...
THERE'S THAT MISSING APE THE ALARM IS OUT FOR--AND BATMAN'S AFTER HIM!
IT COULD DASH BATMAN TO DEATH, IF THERE'S A STRUGGLE! WE'D BETTER CALL FOR ARMY PLANES TO SHOOT DOWN THE BEAST!
BONG
BUT AS THE ARMY PLANES COME ROARING IN...
HE'S SIGNALLING US TO HOLD OUR FIRE! BUT THAT APE'S GETTING UP TO THE TOWER!
NO--DON'T SHOOT!
I HOPE THEY SEE MY SIGNAL...
BONG
BONG
BONG
NEXT MOMENT, IN THE LOFTY CARILLON BELFRY...
THERE HE IS--GOING TOWARD THE BELL THAT'S SOUNDING THE NOTE HE WAS TRAINED TO ANSWER! I'M JUST IN TIME!..
BONG
BUT JUST THEN...
OH, OH... OUR MAN IS AMONG THE BIG BELLS--AND HE'S ARMED! HIS SHOT SCARED THE APE, TOO!
DOWN HERE WITH ME, PONGO... I WANT TO SEE YOUR COLLAR!
P-I-N-G!
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AND THE COLLAR OF A HARMLESS, FRIGHTENED APE YIELDS THE MOTIVE OF A MYSTERY...
AS I THOUGHT--THE ONLY VALUABLE THING SMALL ENOUGH TO BE SMUGGLED ASHORE THIS WAY... DIAMONDS! BY "ACCIDENTALLY" LETTING THE ANIMALS ESCAPE, HE GOT THEM THROUGH CUSTOMS AND IS NOW TRYING TO GET THEM BACK!
PI-N-G--
BUT MAYBE WE CAN FLUSH HIM OUT, PONGO! THESE ARE THE KEYBOARD-ROPES THAT LEAD TO THE CARILLON-BELLS... I'LL JUST PLAY A LITTLE MUSIC OF MY OWN!
AND AS THE MIGHTY PEAL OF ALL THE GREAT BELLS SUDDENLY BOOMS FORTH...
THIS DEAFENING SOUND... CAN'T STAND IT--IT'S STUNNING ME!
BONG
BONG
RING
BONG
CLANG
CLANG
BONG
BONG
BONG
MY BRAIN'S ROCKING! CAN'T HEAR--CAN'T THINK...
YOU DIDN'T THINK WHEN YOU PLANNED THIS SCHEME TO SMUGGLE IN DIAMONDS ON AN ESCAPED ANIMAL--NOR WHEN YOU TRIED TO MAKE ME SUSPECT IT WAS BARLY DOING IT!
I--I THOUGHT YOU'D GO ALONG TO WATCH BARLY, AND I COULD USE THE CARILLON-BELL TO RECAPTURE PONGO! I DIDN'T WANT TO CATCH HIM WHEN YOU WERE AROUND!
YOUR ACCUSATION OF BARLY ONLY MADE ME SUSPECT YOU! I KNEW THAT BARLY, AN ANIMAL EXPERT, WOULDN'T TRY TO SMUGGLE ANYTHING IN ON CONDORS, WHO WOULD FLY HOME-WARD AT THE FIRST CHANCE!
AND SO, LATER, AT GOTHAM ZOO...
IT'S IRONIC, IN A WAY--THESE BEASTS COME OUT OF THEIR CAGES NOW, FOR COMFORT AND A HAPPY LIFE IN THE ZOO, WHILE KIER...
WHILE KIER GOES INTO A CAGE--A PRISON-CAGE--FOR YEARS!
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GOTHAM MOVERS
THE END

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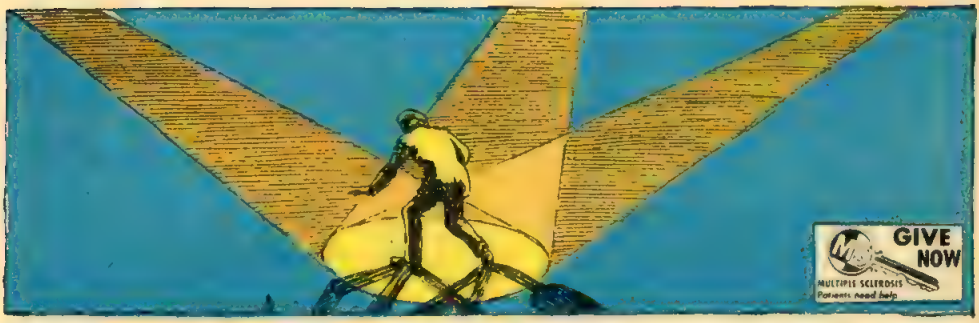
DETECTIVES WITH ELECTRIC EYES



They Are Electronic Devices, Which Can React to Anything—Walking, Talking, Even The Crumpling of a Piece of Paper

THE burglar watched the moon slide behind a thick cloud, and grunted with satisfaction. "This is going to be easy," he muttered. He had bypassed the gates leading to the big estate, having learned previously that an electric-eye would give the alarm the moment anyone passed through.

Moving stealthily to the rear of the estate, he threw a portable ladder to the top of the high wall, and minutes later found himself inside the grounds.

But all he could take was one single step. For, that very instant, the entire area was bathed in blinding floodlights. Wherever he turned, a large searching beam followed, pinpointing him. At the same time, a loud alarm clanged away.

Within minutes, the hapless burglar found himself surrounded by guards who had come running from all directions.

This burglar was not the only one in recent years to learn that electronics is of inestimable value to the law. Electronics won favor as a crime-stopper some years ago with the elementary electric-eye. But some of the new uses of the electric eye sound so improbable that they are hard to believe. But they are true. The fact of the matter is that no matter what devious methods burglars may use for breaking in, the police are one step ahead of them. The long arm of the law is aided and abetted with electric eyes.

In the above case, electronic switches were placed in such hidden places as a tall tree, the garage roof, in a low bush. The moment a person stepped inside the forbidden territory, the switches automatically clicked into action, bringing revealing lights and warning alarms.

In another case, burglars carefully cased a warehouse containing a large quantity of furs. Feeling

certain that all entrances and windows had been prepared with electronic signal alarms of one kind or another, they hit upon the idea of boring down through the floor of an office located above the warehouse.

To their dismay, they learned that the floor of the warehouse had also been treated electronically with burglar-proofing. No sooner did they land on the floor than an electronic switch clicked on. Next moment, a red warning light in front of the warehouse started blinking on and off. At once, the police officer on the beat put through a call to headquarters for reserves. The burglars were caught before they could remove a single fur.

In a small mid-western town, not long ago, two safe-crackers broke into a bank, and spent three hours hacking their way through a door of iron bars guarding the vault.

The electronic sentry went into action the moment they stepped past the threshold of the vault. A solid iron gate slowly came out of the wall, imprisoning the burglars inside the vault. At the same time, a device located at headquarters informed police exactly what had happened. For perhaps the first time in their lives, the burglars were glad to see police officers when they arrived to remove them from their prison.

The electronic unit can be made to react to almost anything. Devices have already been perfected that will *do something* if a person walks, talks, or even crumples a sheet of paper. Some of the things it will do are turn on lights, blow whistles, and shout, "Help, police!"

One of the most amazing electronic set-ups was demonstrated recently in the east where a wholesale jewelry concern had suffered a number of break-ins.

The burglars had succeeded in obtaining from a worker in the firm a detailed plan of the burglar alarm system. To snip off the burglar-alarm wires, the thieves used only a flashlight to locate them, and a pair of steel shears.

What eventually trapped them was an electronic device that was designed to set off a resounding alarm the instant a flashlight was snapped on.

Available right now is an electronic watchman for the small home owner who usually leaves a light burning in the house to keep thieves away while the family is away at night.

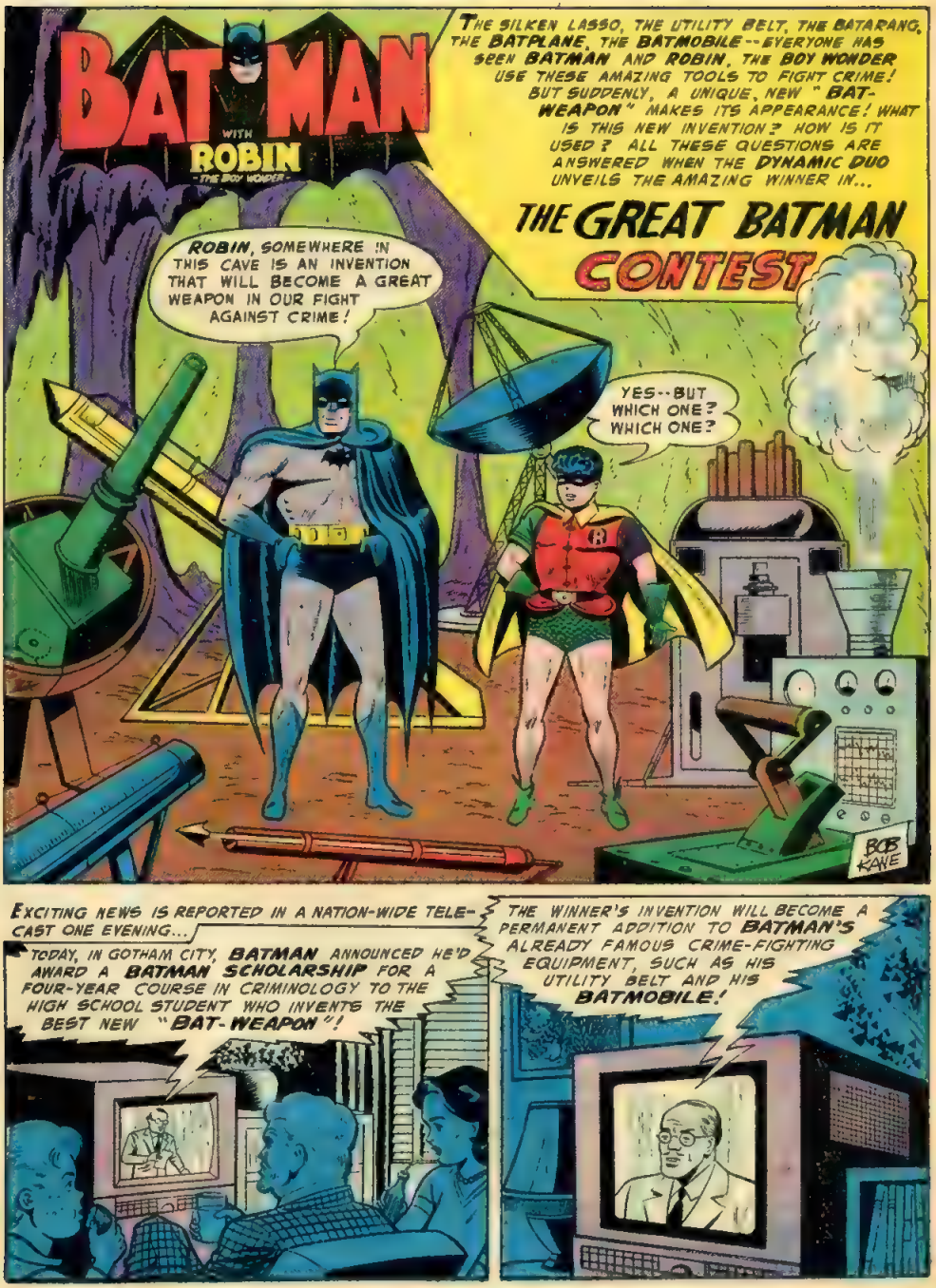
The unit is built around a phototube. The reflector of the tube is placed to face the window, so that it can catch the changes of light outside.

When the light intensity falling upon the photo cell drops below a certain point, a relay closes the contacts to the circuit, turning on the room lights. This is what happens in the evening when it starts getting dark.

Then, at dawn, the brightening light outside opens the contacts, turning off the room lights.

Any electrician can install one of these electronic watchmen at your home at slight cost.

—Jack Miller


BAT MAN
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THE SILKEN LASSO, THE UTILITY BELT, THE BATARANG, THE BATPLANE, THE BATMOBILE--EVERYONE HAS SEEN BATMAN AND ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER USE THESE AMAZING TOOLS TO FIGHT CRIME! BUT SUDDENLY, A UNIQUE, NEW "BAT-WEAPON" MAKES ITS APPEARANCE! WHAT IS THIS NEW INVENTION? HOW IS IT USED? ALL THESE QUESTIONS ARE ANSWERED WHEN THE DYNAMIC DUO UNVEILS THE AMAZING WINNER IN...
THE GREAT BATMAN CONTEST
ROBIN, SOMEWHERE IN THIS CAVE IS AN INVENTION THAT WILL BECOME A GREAT WEAPON IN OUR FIGHT AGAINST CRIME!
YES--BUT WHICH ONE? WHICH ONE?
BOB KANE
EXCITING NEWS IS REPORTED IN A NATION-WIDE TELE-CAST ONE EVENING...
TODAY, IN GOTHAM CITY, BATMAN ANNOUNCED HE'D AWARD A BATMAN SCHOLARSHIP FOR A FOUR-YEAR COURSE IN CRIMINOLOGY TO THE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WHO INVENTS THE BEST NEW "BAT-WEAPON"!
THE WINNER'S INVENTION WILL BECOME A PERMANENT ADDITION TO BATMAN'S ALREADY FAMOUS CRIME-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT, SUCH AS HIS UTILITY BELT AND HIS BATMOBILE!

SOON, ALL OVER THE COUNTRY, YOUNG HOPEFULS LIKE JEFF KEATING WORK HARD AT PERFECTING THEIR INVENTIONS...
THE DAY THE CONTEST CLOSES, THE FLOOR OF THE BAT-CAVE IS PILED HIGH WITH SCORES OF UNUSUAL ENTRIES...
YES, ROBIN! IT'S TOO BAD SO MANY OF THESE INVENTIONS ARE NOT PRACTICAL!
MY INVENTION JUST HAS TO WIN! I WANT THAT SCHOLARSHIP SO I CAN LEARN HOW TO FIGHT CRIME!
GOSH, BATMAN, WE'VE REALLY GOT OUR WORK CUT OUT FOR US!
LIKE THIS FLASHLIGHT-PROJECTOR EQUIPPED WITH MICRO-FILM SLIDES CONTAINING AN ENCYCLOPEDIA OF CRIMINOLOGY FOR HANDY REFERENCE!
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"...AND SOME ARE TOO RISKY, LIKE THESE PLANS FOR A BATMOBILE-CANNON THAT WOULD CATAPULT ME TO ROOFTOPS!"
PRESENTLY, AFTER EXAMINING THE NUMEROUS ENTRIES, FOUR INVENTIONS ARE SELECTED...
NOW WE'LL GIVE EACH ONE THE ULTIMATE TEST! THE ONE WHICH WE FIND MOST USEFUL IN AN ACTUAL BATMAN CASE WILL BE THE WINNER!
OF THEM ALL, I'D SAY INVENTION NUMBER FOUR HAS THE BEST CHANCE TO WIN!
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THAT NIGHT, AS THE DYNAMIC DUO PATROLS GOTHAM CITY IN THE SLEEK BATMOBILE...
BATMAN! LOOK! STILTS MORGAN--THE HARBOR PIRATE AND HIS MOB!
THEY'RE MAKING THEIR GETAWAY IN THAT SPEED-BOAT!
THEY WON'T GET FAR--IF INVENTION NUMBER ONE IS ANY GOOD! LET'S TEST IT RIGHT NOW!
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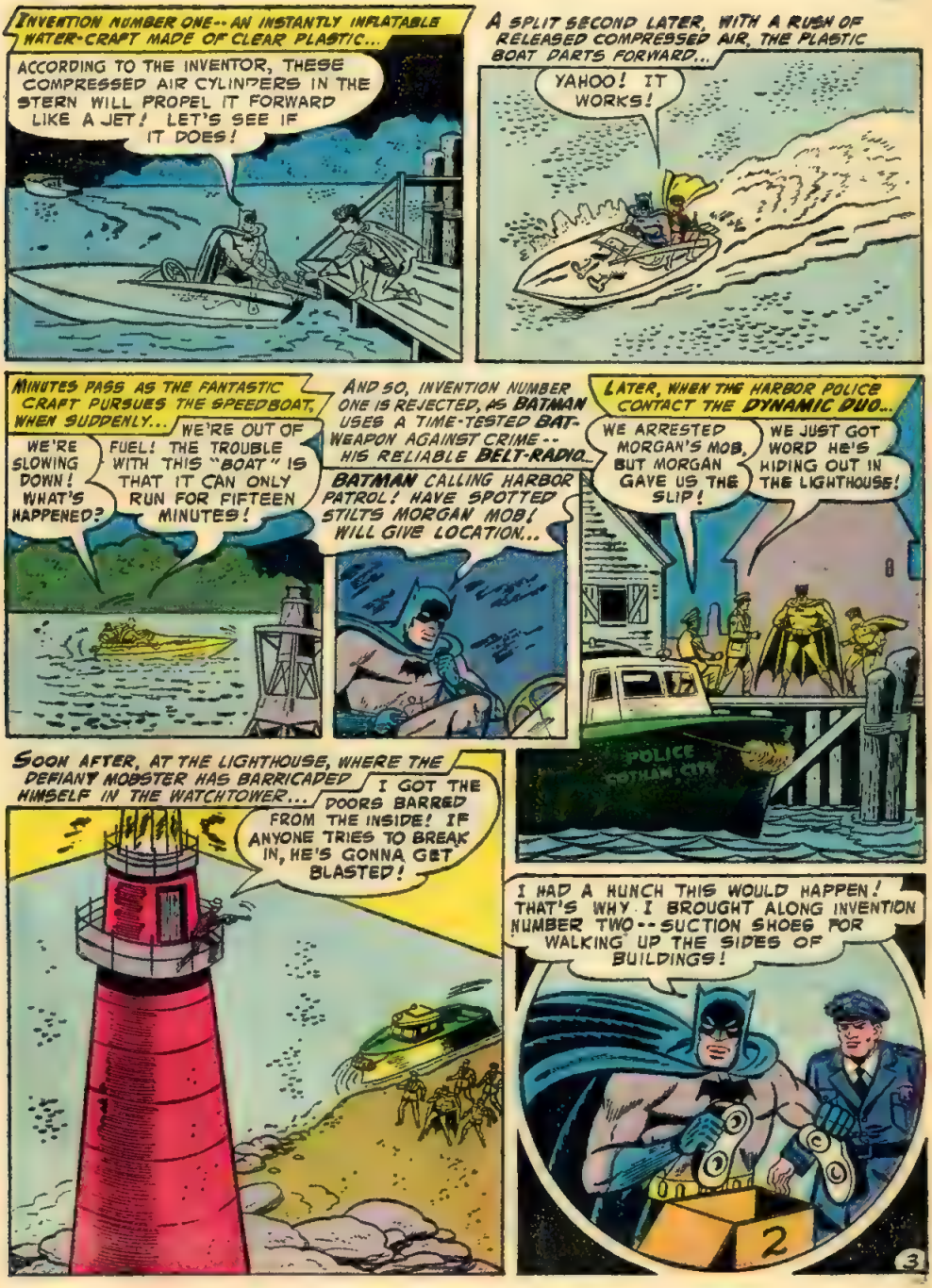
INVENTION NUMBER ONE--AN INSTANTLY INFLATABLE WATER-CRAFT MADE OF CLEAR PLASTIC...
ACCORDING TO THE INVENTOR, THESE COMPRESSED AIR CYLINDERS IN THE STERN WILL PROPEL IT FORWARD LIKE A JET! LET'S SEE IF IT DOES!
A SPLIT SECOND LATER, WITH A RUSH OF RELEASED COMPRESSED AIR, THE PLASTIC BOAT DARTS FORWARD...
YAHOO! IT WORKS!
MINUTES PASS AS THE FANTASTIC CRAFT PURSUES THE SPEEDBOAT, WHEN SUDDENLY...
WE'RE OUT OF FUEL! THE TROUBLE WITH THIS "BOAT" IS THAT IT CAN ONLY RUN FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES!
WE'RE SLOWING DOWN! WHAT'S HAPPENED?
AND SO, INVENTION NUMBER ONE IS REJECTED, AS BATMAN USES A TIME-TESTED BAT-WEAPON AGAINST CRIME--HIS RELIABLE BELT-RADIO...
BATMAN CALLING HARBOR PATROL! HAVE SPOTTED STILTS MORGAN MOB! WILL GIVE LOCATION...
LATER, WHEN THE HARBOR POLICE CONTACT THE DYNAMIC DUO...
WE ARRESTED MORGAN'S MOB, BUT MORGAN GAVE US THE SLIP!
WE JUST GOT WORD HE'S HIDING OUT IN THE LIGHTHOUSE!
POLICE GOTHAM CITY
SOON AFTER, AT THE LIGHTHOUSE, WHERE THE DEFIANT MOBSTER HAS BARRICADED HIMSELF IN THE WATCHTOWER...
I GOT THE DOORS BARRED FROM THE INSIDE! IF ANYONE TRIES TO BREAK IN, HE'S GONNA GET BLASTED!
I HAD A HUNCH THIS WOULD HAPPEN! THAT'S WHY I BROUGHT ALONG INVENTION NUMBER TWO--SUCTION SHOES FOR WALKING UP THE SIDES OF BUILDINGS!
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MOMENTS LATER, LIKE A HUMAN FLY, BATMAN MOVES SLOWLY BUT SURELY UP THE SLICK SURFACE OF THE LIGHTHOUSE...
STILTS CAN'T SEE ME BECAUSE I'M COMING UP BEHIND HIM!
THEN, AS THUNDER RUMBLES...
IT'S STARTING TO RAIN! WELL... JUST A SHORT WAY TO GO NOW! IT LOOKS AS IF INVENTION NUMBER TWO MAY BE THE WINNER!
SUDDENLY, AS BATMAN TRIES TO WRENCH ONE FOOT FREE TO TAKE ANOTHER STEP, HE REALIZES HE CANNOT MOVE...
IT'S BECAUSE OF THE RAIN! THE FILM OF WATER ON THE SLICK SURFACE ACTS LIKE A SEAL AND MAKES THE SUCTION CUPS PERFECT VACUUMS!
AT THAT MOMENT, THE RESTLESS GUNMAN SPIES THE HELPLESS CRIME-FIGHTER...
HAW! BATMAN--STUCK LIKE A HUMAN FLY ON FLY PAPER! YOU'RE AN EASY TARGET, BATMAN!
ONCE AGAIN, BATMAN IS FORCED TO REJECT A NEW INVENTION AND USE AN OLD RELIABLE--THE BATARANG!
HUH! MY GUN!
WEAPONLESS, STILTS SURRENDERS TO THE POLICE WHO RESCUE BATMAN! LATER...
INVENTIONS ONE AND TWO FAILED THE TEST! THAT LEAVES ONLY WEAPONS THREE AND FOUR!
YES... AND OF THEM BOTH I'D SAY THE VERY SIMPLICITY OF INVENTION FOUR WILL MAKE IT THE WINNER!
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THE NEXT NIGHT, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN PATROL GOTHAM'S STREETS...
OVER THERE, BATMAN! MASKED MEN!
BATMAN AND ROBIN! QUICK-- BACK INTO THE BUILDING! SPLIT UP INSIDE! THAT WAY WE GOT A CHANCE!
AS THE BANDITS DISAPPEAR INTO THE WAREHOUSE..
THE ONLY WAY TO OUTWIT THEIR STRATEGY IS TO COPY IT-- WITH A DIFFERENCE! WE'LL USE INVENTION NUMBER THREE--THESE PORTABLE T-V- WALKIE-TALKIE OUTFITS!
SOON AFTER, BATMAN AND ROBIN KEEP IN VISUAL CONTACT THOUGH THEY SEARCH THROUGH DIFFERENT ROOMS OF THE VAST WAREHOUSE...
AM ENTERING FURNITURE STORAGE ROOM OF WEST WING! NOTHING DOING SO FAR!
SO I SEE!
SUDDENLY, DANGER ENCIRCLES THE BOY WONDER...
ROBIN! LOOK OUT! THEY'VE GOT YOU SURROUNDED!
I CAN'T GET TO YOU IN TIME, ROBIN-- BUT DON'T WORRY! I'LL BE YOUR EYES! CAREFUL-- TWO ARE COMING AT YOU FROM BEHIND!
THEN IT HAPPENS--THE TV SCREEN SHOWS ONLY JAGGED LINES!
ELECTRICAL INTERFERENCE-- FROM A MOTOR OF SOME KIND NEARBY!
JUST WHEN WE DEPENDED ON IT MOST, INVENTION NUMBER THREE FAILED US! I HOPE I CAN GET TO THAT ROOM IN TIME TO HELP ROBIN!
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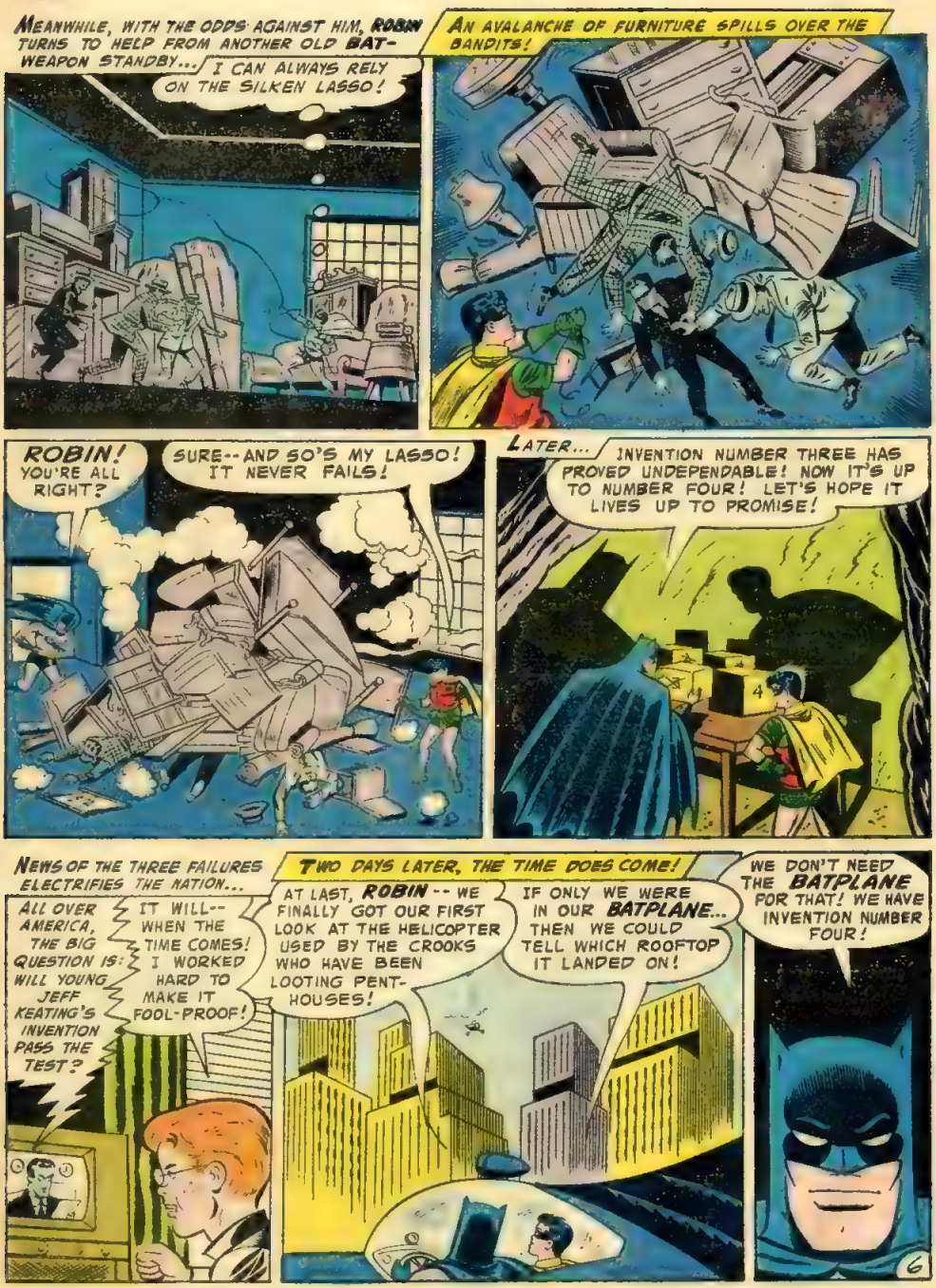
MEANWHILE, WITH THE ODDS AGAINST HIM, ROBIN TURNS TO HELP FROM ANOTHER OLD BAT-WEAPON STANDBY...
I CAN ALWAYS RELY ON THE SILKEN LASSO!
AN AVALANCHE OF FURNITURE SPILLS OVER THE BANDITS!
ROBIN! YOU'RE ALL RIGHT?
SURE--AND SO'S MY LASSO! IT NEVER FAILS!
LATER...
INVENTION NUMBER THREE HAS PROVED UNDEPENDABLE! NOW IT'S UP TO NUMBER FOUR! LET'S HOPE IT LIVES UP TO PROMISE!
NEWS OF THE THREE FAILURES ELECTRIFIES THE NATION...
ALL OVER AMERICA, THE BIG QUESTION IS: WILL YOUNG JEFF KEATING'S INVENTION PASS THE TEST?
IT WILL--WHEN THE TIME COMES! I WORKED HARD TO MAKE IT FOOL-PROOF!
TWO DAYS LATER, THE TIME DOES COME!
AT LAST, ROBIN -- WE FINALLY GOT OUR FIRST LOOK AT THE HELICOPTER USED BY THE CROOKS WHO HAVE BEEN LOOTING PENT-HOUSES!
IF ONLY WE WERE IN OUR BATPLANE... THEN WE COULD TELL WHICH ROOFTOP IT LANDED ON!
WE DON'T NEED THE BATPLANE FOR THAT! WE HAVE INVENTION NUMBER FOUR!
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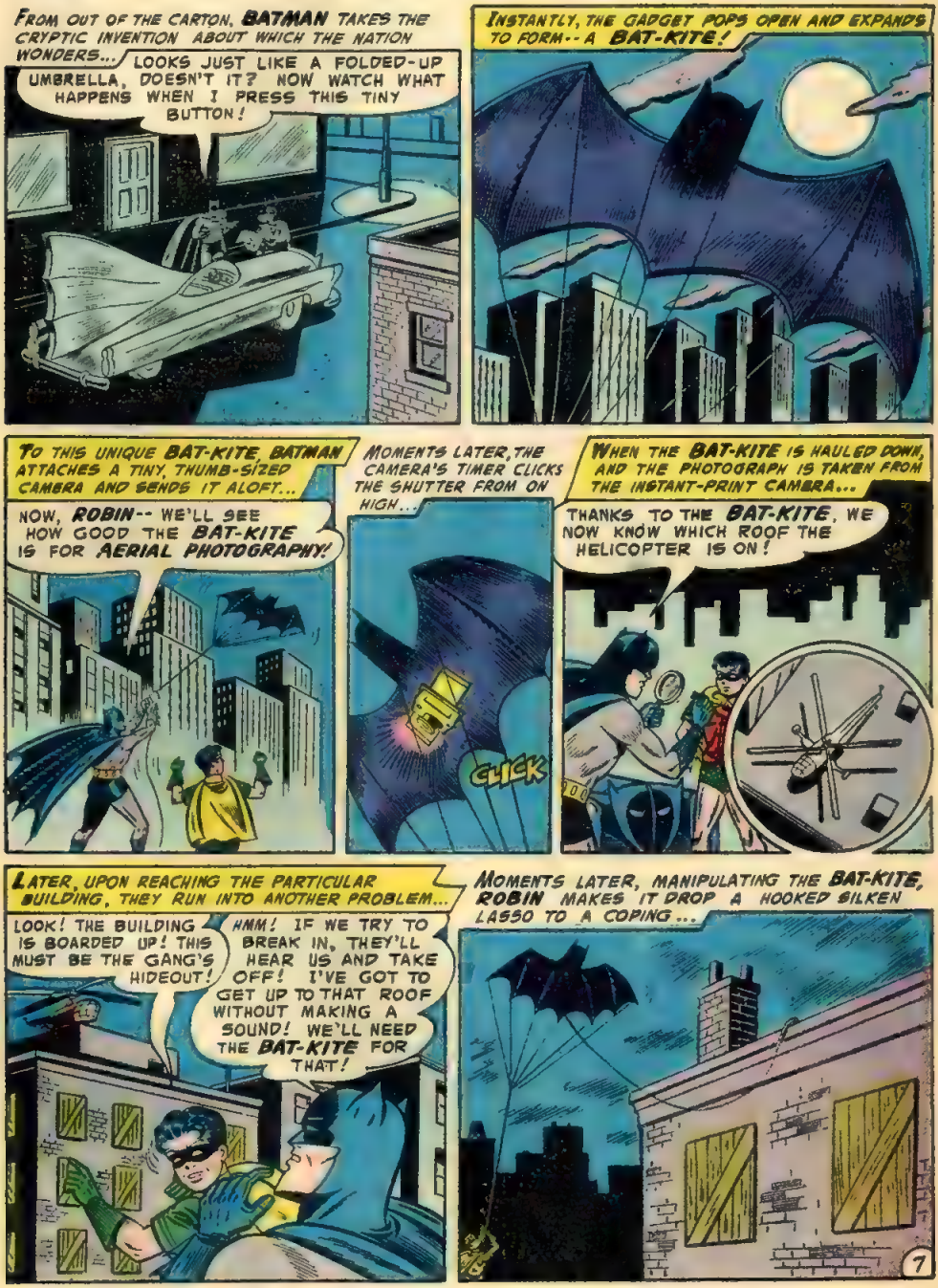
FROM OUT OF THE CARTON, BATMAN TAKES THE CRYPTIC INVENTION ABOUT WHICH THE NATION WONDERS...
LOOKS JUST LIKE A FOLDED-UP UMBRELLA, DOESN'T IT? NOW WATCH WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I PRESS THIS TINY BUTTON!
INSTANTLY, THE GADGET POPS OPEN AND EXPANDS TO FORM-- A BAT-KITE!
TO THIS UNIQUE BAT-KITE, BATMAN ATTACHES A TINY, THUMB-SIZED CAMERA AND SENDS IT ALOFT...
NOW, ROBIN-- WE'LL SEE HOW GOOD THE BAT-KITE IS FOR AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY!
MOMENTS LATER, THE CAMERA'S TIMER CLICKS THE SHUTTER FROM ON HIGH...
CLICK
WHEN THE BAT-KITE IS HAULED DOWN, AND THE PHOTOGRAPH IS TAKEN FROM THE INSTANT-PRINT CAMERA...
THANKS TO THE BAT-KITE, WE NOW KNOW WHICH ROOF THE HELICOPTER IS ON!
LATER, UPON REACHING THE PARTICULAR BUILDING, THEY RUN INTO ANOTHER PROBLEM...
LOOK! THE BUILDING IS BOARDED UP! THIS MUST BE THE GANG'S HIDEOUT!
HMM! IF WE TRY TO BREAK IN, THEY'LL HEAR US AND TAKE OFF! I'VE GOT TO GET UP TO THAT ROOF WITHOUT MAKING A SOUND! WE'LL NEED THE BAT-KITE FOR THAT!
MOMENTS LATER, MANIPULATING THE BAT-KITE, ROBIN MAKES IT DROP A HOOKED SILKEN LASSO TO A COPING...
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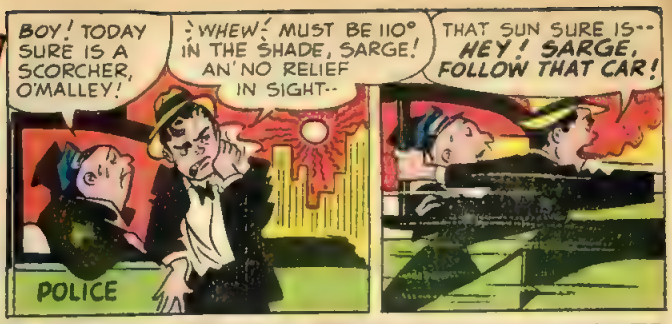
MOMENTS LATER, THE ACRO-BATMAN SCALES THE FACE OF THE BUILDING!
NOT EVEN RAIN WILL STOP ME NOW... AS IT DID WHEN I WORE THOSE SUCTION-CUP SHOES!
BUT, AS BATMAN REACHES THE ROOFTOP, HE IS SUDDENLY SEEN...
UH-OH! TROUBLE!
HUH? BATMAN! MIKE! JOE! COME QUICK!
SWIFTLY, BATMAN SNAPS A COMMAND INTO HIS BELT-RADIO...
ROBIN! USE BATPLANE MANEUVER NUMBER TWO!
"BATPLANE MANEUVER NUMBER TWO"--THAT'S A RIGHT WING-OVER, THEN A DIVE!
LIKE A PUPPETEER, ROBIN WORKS THE BAT-KITE'S INGENIOUS CONTROL-STRINGS AND IT PERFORMS "BATPLANE MANEUVER NUMBER TWO"!
WHERE'D THAT COME FROM?
ANOTHER SNAPPED COMMAND--AND AGAIN THE BAT-KITE PERFORMS A MANEUVER THAT AIDS BATMAN IN HIS CRIME-FIGHT!
NOW THE BAT-KITE'S DOING MANEUVER NUMBER SIX! IT HAS THE THUGS SO RATTLED, I CAN HANDLE THEM EASILY!
YOW!
WITH THE ARREST OF THE HELICOPTER GANG, A YOUNG MAN RECEIVES THE BATMAN SCHOLARSHIP!
YOUR INVENTION HAS PASSED THE TOUGHEST OF ALL TESTS! BY SERVING AS A STAND-IN FOR THE BATPLANE, IT HELPED IN THE CAPTURE OF DANGEROUS CRIMINALS!
AND SO, FOR THE FIRST TIME, GOTHAM CITY SEES A NEW ADDITION TO BATMAN'S CRIME-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT-- THE BAT-KITE!
THE END.

O'MALLEY of the 4TH PRECINCT


BOY! TODAY SURE IS A SCORCHER, O'MALLEY!
WHEW! MUST BE 110° IN THE SHADE, SARGE! AN' NO RELIEF IN SIGHT--
THAT SUN SURE IS--
HEY! SARGE, FOLLOW THAT CAR!
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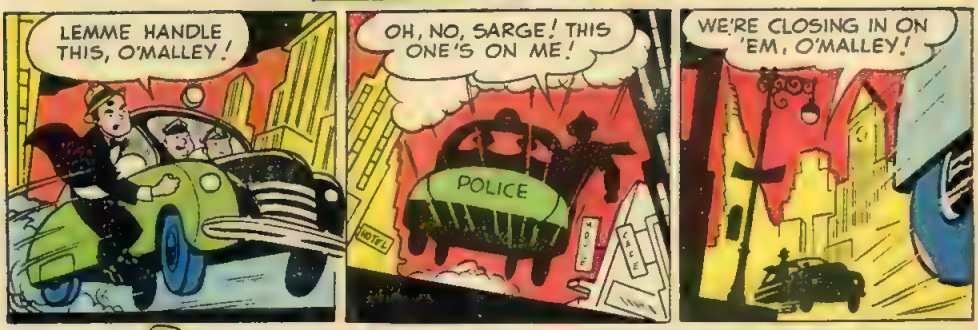

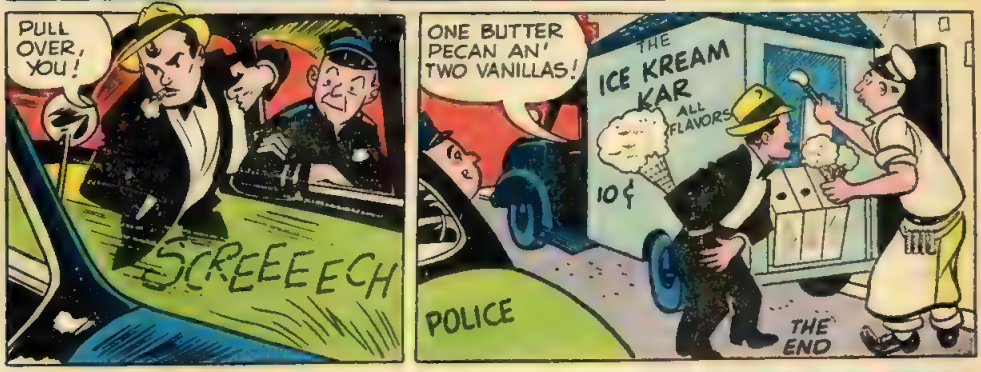

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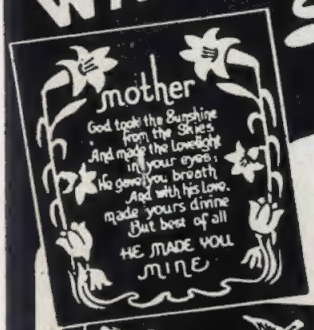

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